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arade, 1,225 Strong, Will Be Reviewed By General Constantine

RECORD PARADE WILL MARK LAST WEEKEND IN CAMP

HAVE FOUR BANDS

The biggest military parade since the training centre was established here is planned for this Sunday, The Era has been informed by the adjutant, Capt. E. B. Dodgson.

The district officer commanding M. D. No. 2, Major-General C. F. Constantine, D.S.O., will take the salute at the saluting base in front of the King George hotel at 1 p.m. D.S.T.

There will be a service in the drill-hall at the fair grounds first, and then the parade will proceed by Timothy to Prospect, north to Huron, to Main, south to Water St. and east to the camp.

Col. R. B. Harkness, D.S.O., will lead the parade. It is estimated that 1,225 men will take part.

Four bands will join the parade, the camp pipe band, the two Newmarket bands, and a band from Camp Borden.

This will be a big weekend at the camp, with outdoor sports on Saturday afternoon, a dance Saturday evening, the parade on Sunday, a band concert and open house to visitors in the afternoon.

The men leave camp a week from Saturday. The next camp will last four months, but there is no information yet as to when they will arrive.

OLD RIVALS FIGHT IT OUT HERE TONIGHT

Aurora will be here this evening. Bringing all their talent, and a gallery of Aurora-minded fans, the Aurorans will be here to inflict defeat on the Redmen on their own ice.

The Aurorans defeated Newmarket on Monday night in Aurora and they don't see why they can't do it again in Newmarket.

The Newmarket juniors have different ideas. They have shown real ability, and they believe that they can take the Aurorans nicely—but not without a struggle.

The game starts at 8 p.m. at the Newmarket arena.

Take Lead From Aces To Snatch Last-Minute Win

GAME ENDS IN FREE-FOR-ALL, CARR STARS IN GOAL

By RALPH M. ADAMS

A shot fired off the stick of Dickson, through a scramble late in the last period of the third encounter of the season, spelt defeat for the Markham Aces last Thursday nite in the local arena.

The little right-winger who broke up the first Aurora game was again the "Johnny-on-the-spot" to rifle home the needed counter to put the skids under the Laurie-coached clan, to the tune of 4-3.

This win for the Redmen gave them an even break on the season with the much vaunted Aces and put the Reds in a nice spot for the play-offs. The trouble that broke out in the last period was brewing all evening, as Coburn and Gunn were both carrying chips on their shoulders. Both teams tried to make it a donnybrook but Sutcliffe managed to prevent a real fight.

However, the rib of the whole affair is the banishment of Gibbon instead of Gunn. Jackie had a great time in the penalty box showing the Markham boys the stitches they planked into him the game in Markham when he had to retire in the first period.

Aces lose early lead

With the fans hardly settled in their seats Murphy broke away from the face-off to beat Carr for the first counter of the game. The Redmen came back strong with Harper sprawling to beat them twice in a row. Finally at 4.50 Myers rushed, heaved a pass over to Gibbon, who made no mistake in beating Harper, and the pastime was all even. Before the period ended Northcote, diminutive right-winger of the Aces, picked up a loose puck off the stick of Tommy Myers to waltz right in on Carr and put Markham one up.

Gunn took a rest early in the second for lifting Lawrie's stick, which hit the Markham boy in the eye, so the Red got the gate.

Redmen nose out Aces

The Markham clan put on the pressure but the Redmen held till Gunn returned. Gibbon and Dickson appeared particularly effective when the locals were short-handed, almost scoring on two occasions. With the period half gone, the Aces again went into the lead, as Ike Harper hammered home the pass that came via Northcote and Rowe.

Loose checking on the Newmarket defence didn't help the cause much on this counter. The Laurites with a nice lead, looked as tho' the game was in the bag until the "poison pair," Dickson and Gibbon, got going. The former batted in the latter's pass through a scramble to cut the lead to a single, and Jackie tied the score when he picked up a loose rubber, after a play by Bone and Dickson had failed, and beat Harper easily.

Reds gain decision

The first half of the third was all Markham, with Carr stopping them high, wide and handsome—and then some. Coburn on one try beat the defence, only to have Carr out-guess him. By actual count on a play a moment later Carr stopped three shots on the same play all within ten feet of the net.

With less than two minutes to play Dickson pushed the rubber past Harper from Gibbon's pass to tally the winning goal. Markham held up the game, disputing the goal, but Referee Sutcliffe ruled the counter was in and legal. In the dying moments of the affair Coburn and Gunn smacked each other and both teams went to slugging, with Coburn and Gibbon getting penalties for fighting and Baker for leaving the box to brawl. Thus the Reds copped the verdict with the one-goal margin.

For the Aces Ike Harper on the defence, Baker, Northcote and Bob Bangay up front were the best, while the Reds' stand-outs were Carr in the nets and Dickson, Gibbon and Broughton on the front line.

Newmarket: goal, Carr; defence, Bone and Gunn; centre, Hamilton; wings, McInnis and Jelley; alternates, Myers, Broughton, Dickson, Gibbon and Kaus.

Markham: goal, J. Harper; defence, Meharg and B. Harper; centre, Bob Bangay; wings, Laurie, Northcote; alternates, Clark, Murphy, Sabiston, Coburn, Baker and Rowe.

Referee, "Blondy" Sutcliffe, Toronto.

FIREMEN'S EUCHRE AND DANCE IS TOMORROW

The firemen's euchre and dance in aid of the soldiers' overseas comfort fund is being held tomorrow night in the town hall at 8.15. Art West's orchestra will provide the music.

NEWMARKET GIRL WAS A WRITER, DIES IN B.C.

A Newmarket-born writer, Mrs. Alice Townley, died at Vancouver on Jan. 6. One of her best-known books was "The Opinions of Mary."

Alice Ashworth was the daughter of a Newmarket hat manufacturer. The factory was on Water St. near the present waterworks site.

She married Charles Robert Townley, of Newmarket, now deceased, and is survived by a sister, Mrs. L. W. Herchmer, Vancouver, and three brothers, John Ashworth, Victoria, James Johnston Ashworth and Edward Montague Ashworth, Toronto.

Interment took place at Vancouver on Jan. 8.

MRS. CASE WILL SPEAK

Mrs. G. E. Case will be the speaker at the meeting of the Sharon Women's Institute on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Tonsils, Measles, Now It's Scarlet Fever

Pte. Bruce Polmateer, R.C.A.M.C., son of Mrs. Fern Polmateer of Newmarket, and grandson of Mrs. John Cain of Mount Albert, is ill with scarlet fever at Riverdale Isolation hospital, Toronto. Pte. Polmateer had just undergone a tonsil operation and recovered from the measles.

YOUNG REDMEN LEAD LEAGUE, WITH 2 WINS

PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS PLAY LEAGUE

PLAY SATURDAY

"Young Redmen" are leading the public and separate school hockey league with two wins, Silver Streaks, with one win and one loss, have two points. Shamrocks are in the same position, and the Flying Aces are at the bottom of the heap with two losses.

Jan. 21 games resulted as follows: Young Redmen defeated Silver Streaks 5-4; Shamrocks defeated Flying Aces 3-2. Jan. 25: Young Redmen defeated Flying Aces 4-0; Silver Streaks defeated Shamrocks 4-3.

Double-headers are scheduled for the next three Saturday mornings.

Teams are as follows: Silver Streaks: Harold Smart, Harold Tunstead, Floyd Burling, Bill Denne, Francis Elphinstone, Harry Hill, Donald Cutting, Garry Proctor, Jim Rutledge, Burt Newton, Arnot Longhurst, Donnie Bovair, Jack Davis, Francis Moore, Archie Mair.

Young Redmen: Beverley Rowntree, George Chantler, Glen Brown, Ronald Eves, Grant Blight, Michael McCaffrey, Teddy Greenwood, Elwood Helmkay, Donald Cribar, Gordon Hill, Billie Thompson, Ralph Goldsmith, Gordon Irwin, Donald King, Orla Larsen.

Shamrocks: Jack O'Halloran, Harry Caradonna, John McTavish, Wm. Le Gresley, Lowell Palmateer, Tom McRae, Clyde Adams, Beverley Ruddock, Ivan Gibson, Tom McHale, Ronald Brown, Gordon McHale, Billie Gilroy, Clarence Rachar, Bryce Lincoln.

Flying Aces: Bob Osborne, Tom Dales, Russel Dillman, Bruce Shanks, Aubrey Smith, Stanley Winger, Ronald Webster, Alan Hopper, Gordon VandenBergh, Bill Osborne, Peter White, Keith Mosley, Fred Case, Bill Ewing, Lawrence Barnes.

AURORA LADY INJURED

Mrs. H. Glass, Aurora, was injured in a car collision at Main and Water Sts. on Sunday. She suffered head injuries but was able to be about again the next day. Dr. J. H. Wesley attended her. Chief Constable James Sloss investigated the accident.

CHEMICALS USED TO PUT OUT CHIMNEY BLAZE

Slight damage was done at the home of Herbert Booth, 12 Simcoe St., at noon on Tuesday when a chimney fire resulted from over-heated stove-pipes. The fire brigade used chemicals to put out the blaze.

Home and School Club Hears Mrs. Boulding

A very well attended meeting was held by the Newmarket branch of the Home and School Association on Tuesday evening at the Stuart Scott school.

Miss Barbara Marwood played a group of piano solos which were very much appreciated, amongst them being Largo, Handel; The Little Shepherd, Debussy; On Wings of Song, Mendelssohn; Serenade, Schubert.

The guest speaker, Mrs. C. R. Boulding of Aurora, spoke on "Foods for Health." She based her talk on facts learned while taking a month's course at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, last July. This course was sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association.

Nutrition was the main theme followed, though subjects such as budgetting, meal-planning and eating for health were dealt with.

Mrs. Boulding stated that many diseases in both early and later life could be avoided if foods were properly provided, planned, cooked and served.

All meals should contain good dietary constituents, should be well-balanced, adequate and should be eaten in a congenial atmosphere. Sufficient roughage for proper elimination is quite essential, she said.

Four glasses of water, as well as the equivalent of four glasses of other fluids, should be taken daily by all individuals.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Boulding's address a very hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. H. E. Gilroy and the audience showed their appreciation.

VETERANS' EUCHRE AND DANCE IS ON FEB. 5

A dance and euchre, in aid of Newmarket's "Hands Across the Sea," British war victims fund, sponsored by the Newmarket Veterans' association will be held in the Newmarket town hall on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

MERCHANT IS ILL

H. E. Gilroy has been ill at his home this week. He is expected back at work in a day or two.

THEY WORK HARD IN ORDERLY ROOM



This picture is taken in the orderly room at the Newmarket training centre. The photographer could have called almost any hour of the day or night to find the staff at work and get a picture like this. Left is Sergeant Chas. A. Cecil and right is Corporal R. V. Birtwhistle.

HERE'S SPLENDID GIFT FOR BRITISH FAMILY

The Cherokee club has given a $25 cheque to the Newmarket Veterans war victims' fund, which will be forwarded through the Toronto Telegram.

Boost Newmarket's aid-to-Britain by giving to the Veterans' fund. No donation will be too large or too small.

Club Will Sew and Knit For Red Cross

The Cherokee club held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. Chester Best, Millard Ave. There was a splendid attendance.

Following the conducting of club business $25 was voted from the treasury to the British war victims' fund, sponsored by the Newmarket veterans.

Seven dollars and a half was voted to the citizens' committee to be used toward lamps for the reading and lounge room at the military camp.

The officers for the year 1941 are as follows: Counsellor, Mrs. W. H. Eves; president, Mrs. W. M. Young; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. G. D. Bender; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Chas. Near; secretary, Mrs. Morden Carter; treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Cockburn.

Following the installation of officers considerable sewing was done on garments for young children for the Red Cross.

The club has started working as a unit with the Red Cross. Sewing and knitting will be done by the members during all the meetings for the year.

Mrs. W. M. Cockburn is convenor of sewing and if the members will please contact Mrs. Cockburn she will see that sewing wants are filled.

Those members who prefer to knit will please take their wool from the Red Cross rooms under the name of the Cherokee club, so that a record may be kept of the club's work.

At the conclusion of the evening refreshments were served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

Veterans Will Debate Military Conscription

Newmarket veterans are asked not to forget the next monthly meeting, to be held Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Bugle Band hall at 8 p.m. sharp. Business will be concluded by 8.30, when the meeting will discuss the question of total conscription versus exemption.

"Yes, Comrade, come, voice your opinion," says Secretary S. J. Brice.

Coming Events

(Coming Events notices cost little, a cent a word per week, minimum charge 25 cents a week.)

Friday, Jan. 31—The W.C.T.U. are holding a tea and sale of homemade baking at the Temperance Hall, 11 Millard Ave., from 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome. c1w51

Tuesday, Feb. 4.—Skating party under auspices of Trinity Y.P.U. in the Newmarket arena. Newmarket Citizens' band in attendance. Skating from 7.30 till 10 p.m. Admission adults 25c, children 15c. c3w50

Thursday, Feb. 6—Annual chicken patty tea in St. Paul's parish hall. c2w51

Friday, Feb. 7 — Newmarket's hand-across-the-sea British War Victims Fund dance and euchre, in the town hall, Newmarket. c3w50

Friday, Feb. 14—There will be a Valentine tea and talent sale at the Christian church from three to six p.m., under the auspices of the Harmony Girls. c5w50

Friday, Feb. 21—Red Cross dance in the high school auditorium. Max Boag's orchestra. tf51

Mar. 13, Thursday — Irish night, St. John's church in town hall. Euchre, dance and entertainment. Art West's orchestra. c6w52

OFFICIALS PAY TRIBUTE TO MARGARET DENNIS

Unusual tribute was paid on Tuesday to Margaret Dennis, 31 years old, who died in Mount Sinai hospital, Toronto, on Saturday, after a few weeks' illness.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis, Newmarket, she was born here and attended Newmarket schools. For 12 years a member of the York county police court staff, she was well-known and her bright and cheerful disposition brought her a wide circle of friends.

Rev. Mr. Stewart of St. John's Presbyterian church, Toronto, which she had attended for several years, conducted a private service at the Dennis home on Tuesday and at 3 p.m. a public service in Roadhouse & Rose funeral chapel.

As a mark of respect the county court was closed on Tuesday afternoon and the entire staff attended the service.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis, five brothers, Alfred, Marshall, Harold, Drury and Robert, and three sisters, Mrs. Murray Wood (Dorothy), Mrs. Bertram Hooey (Helen) and Betty. Another sister, Evelyn, predeceased her 15 years ago.

Pallbearers, all members of the county police force, were: Chief George Stewart, Constables Wm. Martindale, Wm. Myers, Sandy McCallum, Wm. Hill and Ronald Watt.

Those attending the service included Warden Clarence Downey, Swansea, Commissioners Wm. Pugsley, Sutton, and Robert Ainsley, Mimico, Robert Phillips, county clerk, Harvey Rose, county engineer, W. W. Gardhouse, county treasurer, Major D. Ernest Sprague and Mrs. Sprague, superintendent and matron of the House of Refuge, Yonge St.;

Ellerby Farr, Weston, and Ray Price, Weston, ex-wardens and members of the Toronto and York roads commission, Reeve J. S. Osborne, of East Gwillimbury, Reeve Ross McMillan, of North Gwillimbury, Deputy-Reeve Boynton Weldrick, of Vaughan, member of old-age pensions board, County Detective Sidney Barraclough;

County Constables Ed. Major and Aubrey Fleury, Provincial Constables Ralph Taylor, Howard Jackman and Ronald Hewitt, Chief Constable Gordon Fraser and Sergeant Archie McDonald, both of Forest Hill Village, Chief Constable Sandy Bruce, Leaside, and also East York, North York, Etobicoke and Swansea police.

Others attending the service included friends of the family from Buffalo, Hamilton and Toronto.

Many of the lovely floral tributes were sent to York county hospital following the service.

Interment was at Newmarket cemetery.

Dixon Employees Are 100 Per Cent Savers

Two Newmarket names appear on the honor list for pay-roll war savings participation in the final quarter of 1940: gold award, Dixon Pencil Co.; bronze award, Newmarket Era.

Awards are based on percentage of employees making regular weekly purchases of war stamps as deductions from their pay envelopes. P. J. Tod, Newmarket and district war savings chairman, hopes to have every Newmarket firm on the honor roll for the next three months.

Gold awards are made when 100 per cent of employees buy stamps, silver when 90 to 99 per cent participate, and bronze when 75 to 89 per cent participate.

CHICKEN PATTY TEA

Don't forget the chicken patty tea in St. Paul's Parish hall on Thursday, Feb. 6. c1w52

NAZI MEASLES INVADE TOWN, JUST NUISANCE

CASES ARE ON INCREASE BUT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

HITS SCHOOLS

German measles is definitely on the increase, one doctor reporting 15 cases yesterday, Dr. J. H. Wesley, M.O.H., told The Era today.

"The difficulty is that there are no warning symptoms," Dr. Wesley said. "A youngster will have his breakfast, feel perfectly well, go to school, and then in school the teacher or another pupil will notice the rash.

"It is very mild, with scarcely any sickness, or any fever. The health act requires that the person should be isolated for a week, but the rest of the family may come and go.

"People have been very good about reporting it, but there may be other cases which have not come to the attention of a doctor.

"Having German measles provides no protection against ordinary measles. It seems to be something between measles and scarlet fever, but not as serious as either."

Four new cases of German measles were reported at the military training camp today, The Era learned from the adjutant, Capt. E. B. Dodgson. There are 25 persons in hospital, from all causes, including German measles.

Many pupils have been home from both high and public schools with this affliction.

MRS. THOMAS COYLE DIES IN 99TH YEAR

The death occurred last Friday of one of Newmarket's oldest residents, when Mrs. Thomas Coyle died at her home here, in her 99th year, after a few days illness.

Born in the County of Wexford, Ireland, Margaret Kelly came to Canada as a child, and had lived most of her life in the Newmarket district. She married Thomas Coyle, who predeceased her 30 years ago.

She was, until a few years ago, an active worker in women's societies in St. John's Roman Catholic church.

Surviving are three daughters, Margaret and Grace of Toronto, and Mrs. J. J. McCaffrey of Newmarket, and one son, Charles of Bowmanville.

The pallbearers were T. F. Doyle, Thomas Burke, Bernard McHale, Basil McHale, and two grandsons, Ernest McCaffrey and Eugene McCaffrey.

Rev. Dr. W. D. Muckle conducted the mass, which was held at St. John's church on Monday. Interment was made in St. John's cemetery, Newmarket.

Bale From Newmarket Helps London Victims

A letter has been received from the Friends Service Council of London, England, acknowledging the receipt of bales of clothing made by sewing groups of Toronto and Newmarket Friends, it was stated by John McSkimming, Newmarket, secretary of Friends' war victims relief here.

The letter reads in part as follows: "The case of clothing sent by the Elizabeth Fry Sisterhood has reached us safely and the quilts have been much appreciated. This particular bale was handed over to our friend, Edith M. Rye, in view of the contents being suitable for babies and small children, as she has inaugurated maternity rest homes in the country for refugee expectant mothers, where, also, their other small children can be with them.

"We have also received the excellent consignment of clothing despatched by Canadian Friends Central Committee, again including garments made by the Elizabeth Fry Sisterhood and Newmarket friends. This has been donated to the London relief committee, who are caring for civilian victims of war, mainly amongst the civil population in heavily bombed areas. This clothing has been most welcome and was put to immediate use.

"Please accept our grateful thanks for all you are doing for the benefit of thousands of hapless people who are suffering today through no fault of their own."

JOIN R.C.A.F.

Albert Laver and Wm. McCron, former members of the Loblaw Groceteria staff, Newmarket, have joined the R.C.A.F., and are stationed in Toronto.

Leather Man's Name Cleared In Inquiry Into Beeton "Plant"

Anthony Wolfe Contends Attempt Was To Drive Him Out of Beeton, Inquiry Finished

There was no evidence against Anthony Wolfe, Newmarket leather merchant, warranting the laying of a charge, Commissioner Carl W. Caskey, chief inspector of the fire marshal's department, indicated in his summing up at the conclusion yesterday of the long inquiry into the finding of a fire "plant" at a Beeton hotel owned by Mr. Wolfe.

The final two sessions were held in the fire marshal's office Tuesday and yesterday.

"The evidence indicates that Mr. Wolfe has been a frugal business man, and has been successful in acquiring considerable money and property," Mr. Caskey said yesterday. "He started with $200, and in ten years has accumulated $45,000, according to his own valuations. He has been honest and straight in his business dealings.

"Mr. Wolfe's own evidence shows that he wasn't liked in Beeton, and he thinks that the set-up was placed in the hotel in an attempt to get rid of him.

"There is no conclusive evidence as to who placed the set-up in the hotel. The inquiry will be adjourned sine die, but will be resumed if there is further evidence to show how the plant was placed there."

"There are people in Beeton who will do anything for a few glasses of beer," Mr. Wolfe testified Tuesday. "They wanted to chase me out of Beeton and there was talk of 'Chase the —— German out of Beeton and we'll buy you all the beer you can drink.'"

Mr. Wolfe said that he had invested about $7,000 in the Beeton building, on which there was $8,000 insurance. He regarded it as worth much more than that. There was also $20,000 insurance on the stock.

Mr. Wolfe described the building as being full of harness and leather goods, and that he was transporting more goods there at the time of the visit by the fire insurance company inspectors, who found the "plant."

Three Toronto business men appeared before the commissioner in Toronto on Tuesday to give evidence as to Mr. Wolfe's good character. They had all known Mr. Wolfe for ten years and they said they always found him an honest and reliable business man.

Mr. Wolfe presented accounts, receipts for lumber and building supplies, and gave the names of Newmarket and Toronto workmen to support his statements as to what he had invested in the Beeton building.

Leather Merchant Tells How He and Wife Built Up $45,000 Business In Ten Years

The third sitting of the fire marshal's inquiry into the circumstances surrounding a fire in the store of Anthony Wolfe, Newmarket merchant, at 44-46 Main St., 1939, and a plant discovered last fall in the Queen's hotel, Beeton, owned by Mr. Wolfe, was held in the council chambers last Friday. Mr. Wolfe was able to give only part of his testimony and another meeting, to complete his evidence, was called for Tuesday at the fire marshal's office in Toronto.

Under examination by his counsel, R. W. Brownell, Mr. Wolfe stated that he is 48 years of age and was born in Germany. He came to Canada in 1929 and first opened a store in Toronto.

Coming to Newmarket ten years ago, Mr. Wolfe started his leather business. At first, "Mrs. Wolfe did the stitching" and he did the rest. They were unable to get a store in Newmarket for a year and their work was done in their upstairs flat.

"We were two years without help," said Mr. Wolfe. "Then we got some help. We increased the machines. Later we located in the Imperial Bank building." Mr. Wolfe said that, in the beginning, his business was retail.

In 1937 he bought the premises on Main St. This was to be paid for at the rate of $75 a month. Paid up to date, Mr. Wolfe still owes $1,200 on the property. He stated that he owes no money to his wholesalers and that he always paid in cash except for big amounts.

"I keep my own books and do the auditing myself," said Mr. Wolfe. "I put every dollar I made into merchandise, buying leather and making it into merchandise. I have increased my business every year."

Mr. Wolfe stated that he has a current account in a Newmarket bank amounting to $4,000. Last December he deposited $215 in another account in his wife's name for a recently born son. "My wife wanted an account for the baby," he said. Another account for less than $200 and a 1940 car worth $1,400 are other assets.

"I observe, Mr. Wolfe, that balances here are as high as $4,700 to as low as several hundred dollars," said Mr. Brownell. Mr. Wolfe explained that this was because he withdrew money to purchase leather. "I only borrowed money from the bank for leather," he added.

"I have another business in Bowmanville," said Mr. Wolfe. He stated that he had sold this on terms of $17 a month. "I haven't been paid for the last eight months and have a lien on it." Mr. Wolfe put the net worth of his business at $45,400.

On coming from Germany he and his wife had brought several thousand dollars worth of clothing with them. Mr. Wolfe said that he bought his first Canadian suit last year. He has no relatives to support either here or in Germany.

Mr. Wolfe said that he obtained citizenship papers "about six years ago." He declared that he has found Newmarket to be a friendly place in every respect.

"You are quite happy?" asked Mr. Brownell. "Yes," was the reply.

"Your business has prospered?" "Yes."

"In the month of November you were quite happy and moderately successful?" "Yes."

"You were not pressed for money?" "No."

Referring to the fire in Mr. Wolfe's Main St. store in 1939, Mr. Brownell asked: "Did you or anyone on your behalf cause that fire?"

"No, not that I know of," answered Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe said that he and his wife were in Kitchener on the day the fire occurred, which was a Sunday. "My wife went Friday to see how business goes there on Saturday, for we depend on the farm trade." Mr. Wolfe had intended to open a store in Kitchener.

"I had the impression when we parked on our return that someone had broken into our store. A crowd of people was standing in front. Chief of Police Sloss came up and said, 'Don't worry, it is not much of a fire.'"

Mr. Wolfe said he went in the shop and found "a hole in the wall where wires had been taken out." He thought the insulation had been burned off the wires, causing the fire.

"The hydro inspector said 'This is the worst wiring I've seen. You will have to put new wiring in the house.' The store was rewired later at a cost of $1,000." Asked whether he thought an over-heated iron might have caused the fire, Mr. Wolfe said that he "wouldn't say it was left on, I don't know."

Mr. Wolfe said that he had not wanted any insurance on his Newmarket property. "I have life insurance, sickness insurance, furniture insurance and profit insurance. They really hooked it on me. I didn't really want it." When W. O. McIntyre, local insurance agent, tendered Mr. Wolfe his 'profits insurance' for his signature, "I signed it just to get rid of him," he said. In some cases, he contended, he took out insurance to please the agents.

Referring to another policy amounting to over $10,000, which was placed on the contents of

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1941

PITY THE FARMER TOO!

There is concern expressed now for the Toronto milk consumer, as he must pay an additional cent per quart for his milk, and there has been a good deal of concern for the butter consumer, who has been saved paying the market price by a ruling of the war-time prices and trade board.

There should also be concern for the standards of living of the producer of these dairy products. There was nothing out of the way about the 35 cents a pound Toronto wholesale price at which butter was fixed. It is true that butter has run usually from 21 to 26 cents (Toronto wholesale) during the last six years, but those were depression prices. Even during those years butter stiffened occasionally. The average price for March, 1934, was 29.2 cents; for March, 1938, it was 35.6 cents. Then take December prices, to make a fair comparison: 1934, 21.2; 1935, 25.8; 1936, 26; 1937, 30.4; 1938, 21.6; 1939, 27.9.

Farming is Canada's primary industry. Its health and prosperity will not be a burden on anyone, even on those who pay a little more for their farm products.

WHAT OTHER TOWNS DO

Life goes on in spite of the war. In some Ontario towns the war is leaving a bigger mark than in others. Collingwood is experiencing a ship-building come-back, and Midland expects to be a prosperous ship-building town too within a matter of weeks. Collingwood is not so worried about the future, however, that it cannot think of the past. The town's newspaper suggests that some citizen might like to give the town a building to house the already established museum of local history. Inspiration comes from the gift to the town of Simcoe of a house to be used as a museum and a $10,000 endowment.

Listowel has just opened a new hospital, formerly a private residence, but given to the town. Undaunted by war's financial demands, Fort Erie is about to launch a campaign for $30,000 to build an arena to provide skating for its children and its hockey teams. This will save the town the present embarrassment of Acton, which has to pay interest and principal on its arena debentures as usual, although this year that hockey town has no O.H.A. entries to provide revenue. Acton's mill rate has jumped this year six and a half mills to 53 mills, the highest figure in the town's history. School repairs and decorating, a new fire pumper and the inauguration of municipal garbage collection have all contributed to the increased rate.

Municipal garbage collection, of course, will not increase the expenses of many householders, but will just mean that they pay the town instead of a private individual for this service. It is comparable to the purchase of postage stamps from the dominion government. What we pay for stamps cannot be called taxes in the ordinary sense, any more than the money we pay the town for hydro-electric power can be called taxes. Another of Acton's expenditures too, we suspect, will be gladly borne by many citizens. It was to open up a new street to a new industry—comparable to the improvement of the Connaught Gardens road for the Newmarket training camp.

INSPIRATION FOR NEWMARKET AND AURORA

Readers of these columns will remember that a few years ago the town of Midland, which the depression had knocked down but not out, engaged an industrial commissioner, a full-time promoter, to secure tourist business and new industries for the town. The business men of the town subscribed the necessary money, about $3,000 a year. The town's chamber of commerce promoted the undertaking. Midland met with considerable success in getting tourist business and interested quite a few industrialists but the commissioner, we believe, was unable to land an industry. Then a year or two ago the business men felt that they could not afford a full-time commissioner for the time being, and members of the chamber of commerce undertook the work themselves. This last year, we believe, they secured a substantial new industry for the town, and now they are encouraged to engage a full-time commissioner again.

In the following paragraphs the Midland Free Press, which has played the role of chief encourager and inspirer, tells "why Midland goes ahead."

"Midland is very fortunate in that it has such a splendid group of citizens as make up the executive of the chamber of commerce. Week after week the year round they meet to discuss ways and means of promoting the town's industrial and tourist interests. It would amaze most people to know just how much time President George Ross and the chairmen of the industrial and tourist committees, Herman J. Thompson and Victor G. Edwards, put in at tasks which bring them no direct monetary reward. They get their satisfaction in serving the community they love and seeing it prosper.

"Much has been accomplished towards improving the industrial outlook during the past year and even better things are hoped for in 1941. There never was a more difficult year from a tourist standpoint than 1940, and yet Midland's tourist business, after a slow start, exceeded that of 1939.

"Of course, the executive could do little were it not for the generous support of the business and professional men of the town. There are few municipalities in Ontario where more wholehearted backing is given to promotional work. There are a number of merchants on the main street, as well as some industrialists, who contribute $100 yearly to this purpose, and the contributions of the others run the total to over $3,000.

"A town whose citizens are willing to subscribe on that scale cannot be held down."

WHAT OTHERS THINK

CANADA, ONE NATION OR NINE?

(Midland Free Press)

Two prime ministers must largely share responsibility for the lamentable collapse of the Sirois report conference. Others had a share in its wrecking, but the blame must fall primarily upon Mackenzie King and Mitchell Hepburn. Of the two, the Ontario prime minister is the greater sinner. The people of Ontario will do well to remember that fact when the next election is called. A lengthy period in opposition would do Mr. Hepburn good and give Ontario a much needed rest from a premiership which has undoubtedly had many good features, but has been largely spoiled by an endless succession of quarrels, exhibitions of bad breeding, and close partnership with the liquor traffic.

Mr. King damned the Sirois report at the outset. It was designed to discover the facts regarding conditions which were making the provinces restive and threatening the break-up of Confederation. With his customary disbelief in the possibility of any Conservative being able to give Canada faithful service, Mr. King appointed only Liberals to the commission. A report prepared by men all of one political stripe was sure to be regarded with suspicion and to meet with hostility. Later, when the chairman of the commission, Hon. N. W. Rowell, was obliged to retire through illness, no representative of Ontario, largest and wealthiest of the provinces, and the one which would inevitably be called on to make the greatest sacrifices, was appointed in his place. A Quebec notary was made the chairman. When the report was issued, it was only natural that its provisions, which seemed to favor Quebec, and the western provinces at Ontario's expense, should meet with violent opposition. It is questionable, when Mr. King must have known from the utterances of Messrs. Hepburn, Pattullo and Aberhart, that there was no hope of unanimity being secured, whether he should have called the conference at all. The country has been put to great expense for nothing. The mountain has labored and has only brought forth a "muss."

One has to admit that Mr. Hepburn has been consistent in his opposition to the commission's efforts to find a solution to Canada's vexing problems. Long before the war, when the commission wished to hear what Ontario had to offer in the way of constructive suggestion, the Ontario prime minister indulged in one of his characteristic fits of bad temper, refused to propose any plans, and declared that Ontario had too long been a "milch cow for the other provinces." He clearly indicated that he proposed to have nothing to do with any re-drafting of Confederation which would in any way whittle down Ontario's taxing powers or put additional burdens upon this the healthiest and wealthiest of Canada's nine provinces. If there ever was a non-co-operator it was "Mitch" Hepburn. He was for Ontario first, last and all the time, and the rest of Canada could dig its own way out of its troubles. The fact that Mackenzie King had named the commission undoubtedly had a lot to do with Mr. Hepburn's opposition and he undoubtedly is quite happy now that he has successfully scuttled the dominion premier's hope ship. "Mitch," elephant-like, never forgets, and he's proud of it.

Whether or not it was wise to call the conference while the country was at war is, of course, debatable. The cost of the gathering of premiers, ministers and their staffs from all parts of Canada must have added much to the half million dollars which the formulation of the report had already entailed. Yet the three bad boys of the conference, Hepburn, Pattullo and Aberhart, allowed the dominion government to go ahead with all the preparations, while all the time they were undoubtedly planning to torpedo the report before it even came under consideration. The real people of Canada, those who look upon the nation as one instead of nine separate principalities, feel that they have been terribly let down. Not only did Mr. King fail to enthusiastically champion the report as a basis for consultation and compromise, but he agreed altogether too complacently to the death of his brain child.

Certainly he ran true to form. Seldom, if ever, does Mr. King step out in front and assume positive and aggressive leadership. He is the most notable living example of a "leader" who has achieved success by following public opinion rather than leading it.

The Sirois report was undoubtedly far from perfect. It did set forth the problems confronting Canada, however, and it offered certain solutions. Some were patently unfair to Ontario, but these, as Mr. King pointed out, were subject to modification and compromise, and that is what Canadians generally hoped would happen. There was no chance for any such outcome, however, when the delegates from Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia went to Ottawa determined to sink the report "without trace." They would have been much kinder to Canada, since they were bound to smash the conference, if they had done so before it began. An outright refusal to attend would have resulted in it being called off, and the country would have been saved a lot of money. Possibly, however, it would not have been as dramatic as the "walk-out" at Ottawa. Egos must be fed.

Much might have been accomplished if the representatives of the provinces had gone to Ottawa to "give and take" as did the fathers of Confederation when they sank their differences and formed a united Canada. Instead, to quote the executive of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, which party may come into its own if the heads of the old-line parties continue to put private feuds before the public good, the world has been given an impression that "Canada is not a nation, but merely a group of quarrelsome little states."

Wrecking the Sirois report conference has done nothing to solve Canada's problems. Some day men of good-will must and will meet and find a new way of sharing wealth, duties and responsibilities. Canada is one and indivisible and the good of the whole must come before that of any part.



MESSRS. J. AND J. JUNCO ARE MADE NERVOUS

BY RUTH DINGMAN HEBB

"I just came from a visit with a tremendous flock of Snow Buntings," Jimmy, the Slate-colored Junco, told his friend, Johnny Junco. "They are pretty things, aren't they?"

"Yes, but a great many birds are pretty when they are seen up close, don't you think so?" replied the other Junco, with a flutter of his lovely dark grey and white tail-feathers. "I always feel that people don't properly appreciate how beautiful we birds are unless they study us a bit."

"Yes, I guess a lot do just take us for granted, and don't admire us enough, really," Jimmy said thoughtfully. "There are some birds up in the evergreen trees above us that look rather nondescript, though. They look a bit like Pine Siskins or Crossbills."

"They haven't got the crossed bills of the Crossbills," Johnny pointed out, "or the yellow on their wings that our friends, the Pine Siskins, have. They have dark wings, quite black, although they are yellowish on their throats, heads and backs. Just for the moment I don't seem to recog . . ."

"My dear fellow—think a minute," advised Jimmy quickly. "You know them as well as can be. It's just that they have their winter suits on and we haven't happened to run into any of them until now this winter."

"I still don't know them . . . oh, oh, oh, yes I do, of course, how stupid!" stammered Johnny. "Dear knows how many times I've been fooled by those same birds. How silly of me!"

"It's quite a come-down for the high and mighty summer beauties, the golden Goldfinches, to become rather drab-looking Sparrows for the winter, with only a faint suggestion of their former beauty," said Jimmy. "But I suppose we would be glad to be so beautiful even for a few weeks, if we got the chance, wouldn't we?"

"Oh, I'm quite satisfied with my looks," said Johnny complacently. "Besides, the Goldfinches strike me as being a little flashy, just a bit too conscious of their good looks—the way they fly about and pose in exposed spots so that everyone can take a good look at them. That's in the spring and summer, of course. You'll notice in the winter they stick together among the evergreen trees and don't call attention to themselves so much."

"I admit they are more in the public eye in summer than many of their more retiring but equally beautiful rivals in good looks, such as the Scarlet Tanagers, the Indigo Buntings and the Cardinals, but I think you are a bit hard on them," Jimmy said. "I like the Goldfinches. They're friendly and cheerful—and what more can you ask?"

"Horrors, there's a big Hawk—don't move," chirped Johnny suddenly in agonized tones. A hush immediately fell on the group of Goldfinches in the trees, too.

"Which Hawk is it?" whispered Jimmy to Johnny, "and where is he? I'm afraid to turn around."

"Over in the field to the right, circling overhead about 75 feet up," explained Johnny in a whisper. "He's a great big fellow, with a dark band across his stomach—brownish in color."

"Are his tail-feathers white at the base?" asked Jimmy.

"I can't see him that well, thank goodness," replied Johnny. "Now, he's hovering with fast-beating wings . . . there he goes, after his victim—thank goodness, it isn't one of us."

"It'll be a mouse he's after, and it's a Rough-legged Hawk," stated Jimmy. "His tail-feathers are white at the base, even if you can't see them. The Rough-leg and the Red-tailed are the two common winter Hawks, both big chaps. The Rough-leg hovers away up when he's hunting and the Red-tailed perches in a tree. You know the Red-tailed by the silvery whiteness under his wings when he flies and his reddish tail."

"You seem to know quite a bit about Hawks," said Johnny. "I guess we can relax now. He's probably full of mouse by this time."

"They both like mice better than anything else, although, of course, they would take small birds if really hungry," said Jimmy. "The Red-tailed will take poultry sometimes, too, if he's hungry, but they both do far more good than harm, and should be protected, I'm told."

"That's a fine theory, but don't expect the small birds to agree with it, even if the farmers do," said Johnny. "If they stick to their mice they're welcome to stay around, but it always gives me an attack of nerves when I see one."

"Me too," confessed Jimmy. "Let's go over and talk to the Goldfinches and forget the incident."



HE'S TAKING NOTICE

This bright looking lad is Phillip Ernest Ellis Tite, year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tite of Keswick, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pollock of Sutton. He was eight and a half months old when this picture was taken. Photo by Budd Studio.

Pleasantville

Miss Florence Tucker of Toronto was a Sunday night supper guest of her mother and grandfather.

Mr. Ira Morton and Mr. Murray McClure spent part of Sunday with the former's parents at Oakwood.

Mr. Francis Starr and his mother, Mrs. E. Starr, motored to Norwich on Friday to attend the Friends Quarterly meeting.

Mr. Henderson of Gormley had Tuesday dinner at the home of Mr. Doug. McClure.

Mrs. W. Williams spent Saturday visiting her sister at Allandale.

Guests for Sunday night tea at the home of Mrs. G. McClure included Mr. H. Willmore and the Misses Jessie and Frances Willmore, of Toronto, and Mr. Jack Walker of the military training camp at Newmarket.

The Bogarttown club will meet this Friday evening, Jan. 31, at the schoolhouse.

There was a good attendance at the Red Cross unit meeting last Saturday afternoon. Ladies appointed as convenors on the different committees are as follows: quilt making, Mrs. Wesley Williams; knitting, Mrs. Gordon McClure; sewing, Mrs. Alice Tucker.

Ravenshoe

Ravenshoe Y.P.U. held their meeting Wednesday evening with a good attendance. Allen Martin was in charge. It was citizenship night and there was a very good program. Winnifred Glover led in a Bible contest.

Games followed the meeting.

There is a welcome for all Young people each Wednesday evening.

There was a good attendance at church on Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Gordon Lapp held a dedication service for the newly elected officers of the various societies. The regular service will be held next Sunday at 2.15 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

Friends are sorry that Toots Prosser is still confined to the house, that Keith Smith has a broken arm and that Marion King is ill in the hospital, and hope for a speedy recovery for all of them.

Sharon

The regular meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m., standard time. Mrs. Howard Fyfe will give a paper on "Health and child welfare," and the roll-call will be answered by "A new discovery in the world of medicine."

An address on "The work of home and school clubs" will be given by a guest speaker. Current events will be given by Mrs. Gene Farr. A solo will be sung by Miss Alice Hall.

The refreshment committee will be Mrs. Fred Glover, Mrs. J. S. Osborne and Mrs. Frank Ramsay.

Two workers settled down to eat their dinner. One began unwrapping a large parcel at which the other stared in surprise.

"Wot's that?" he asked.

"Well, it's like this. My missus is away, so I thought as I'd make myself a pie."

"Bit long, ain't it?"

"Oh, I dunno, it's rhubarb."

EVERSLEY

Y. P. S. ENJOYS CROQUINOLE PARTY

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," but the east wind has caused men to dig out their cars



The Empress of Australia, reported to have flashed a message that she was being torpedoed and shelled 200 miles off the coast of French West Africa, on Tuesday was announced to be safely in port.

Marshal Graziani, commander-in-chief of Mussolini's forces in Libya, was reported this week to be on the list of Italian war leaders who have lost their posts. Foreign Minister Ciano, the dictator's son-in-law, is resuming command of a bombing squadron at the front. This was interpreted by the Daily Express as "banishment" by Il Duce.

Breaking through a series of desperate Italian counter-offensives in the area of Valona, in Albania, the Greeks are reported to be pushing toward Valona in a new offensive.

During the last few days Britain and parts of Scotland suffered one of the worst blizzards and cold waves in 20 years.

Increased income taxes, new federal succession duties, extension on the ban on imports of non-war non-essentials from the United States and other non-sterling countries, plus higher and more excise duties on luxuries, are said to be the backbone of Finance Minister Ilsley's 1941 war budget, which will be presented in March or April.

It was indicated on Tuesday that the next compulsory camp training period would be four months instead of 30 days, barring a last-minute change of plans.

Dr. Oscar Skelton, brilliant economist and under-secretary of state for external affairs, died on Tuesday of a heart attack while driving his car in Ottawa. He was probably Premier King's closest adviser.

50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Jan. 30, 1940

Mrs. Binns and Miss Bertha Binns are visiting friends in Barrie this week.

Mr. Valentine Fox of Allandale spent Sunday in town.

Mayor H. D. Lundy of Aurora was in town on Monday.

Alderman Brown leaves next week for a month's visit in the southern States.

Mr. John Barry, Jr., and his bride, were visiting his father on Simcoe St. this week.

Mrs. Eleanor Hewitt and Mrs. Marshall are visiting Mrs. James Driffil, Bradford.

Dr. D. L. Rogers was appointed high school trustee at a meeting of the town council on Jan. 26.

The remainder of the new seats ordered for the south room of the high school arrived last week and were put in position in Saturday.

Newmarket Reformers will elect delegates next Monday evening for the convention in Toronto.

MARRIED—At Brockton, on Jan. 26, by Rev. Father Cassidy, Mr. John Barry, formerly of Newmarket, to Miss Eliza Hickey, both of Toronto.

MARRIED—In Newmarket, on Jan. 28, by Rev. J. W. Bell, Mr. Hugh Burns of Scott township, to Miss Maggie Gibney of East Gwillimbury.

DIED—In Whitchurch, on Jan. 13, Mr. John Anderson, aged 83 years.

25 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Jan. 28, 1916

Mr. Ross Hazzard is ill this week.

Miss Rena Muir of Glenville is ill with the flu.

Mrs. S. Mann is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hartley, and other friends in town.

Mrs. Wm. Mortimore is spending a couple of weeks in Toronto.

Mr. Carl Brodie of London was home for the weekend prior to entering military duties on Wednesday.

Miss Marion Stewart, who has been teaching school at Snowball, is laid up with the flu.

Mrs. Wm. L. Bosworth was called to Orillia yesterday, owing to the death of a friend of the family, Mrs. Hatley.

Fred LaSalle has returned from Lindsay and resumed his work at the Office Specialty Co.

Miss Clarice Emes is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Hazzard, Ontario St.

Three cent stamps are obtainable at the post office here now.

Last Thursday night the Newmarket juniors trimmed the Milton hockey team by a score of 16-1.

MARRIED — On Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the home of the bride, Mary Isabel Phair, only child of the late Jas. Phair of Brock and Mrs. Benjamin Armstrong of Zephyr, was united in marriage to Gordon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of Zephyr.

BORN—In King township, Jan. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fry, a son.

BORN — In Newmarket, Jan. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver King, a daughter.

BORN — In Newmarket, Jan. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paxton, a son.

DIED—At Pine Orchard, Jan. 26, Comley Penrose, in his 65th year.

again.

Eversley Young People's society held a successful croquinole party last Monday night at Scots Wha Hae, the home of Miss A. A. Ferguson. There were six tables of croquinole, and all had a merry time capped by an abundant lunch.

The Eversley Women's Missionary society held its meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gellatly. Mrs. Ross read the scripture and Rev. M. E. Burch led in prayer. The statements given by the secretary and treasurer were very satisfactory.

The proceeds from selling Christmas cards and from the sale of an ocean-wave quilt helped make a good beginning for the finances. Miss Ethel Ferguson read the Tidings prayer and Miss Annie Ferguson sang a missionary hymn. Mrs. Gellatly read a description of the old stone church at Beaverton, which is so like Eversley stone church and this bit of history was much enjoyed, recalling the early days of the church.

Four brief biographies of four missionaries were read by different members. These were of Miss Edith Magee of Jhansi, India, Miss Ada Adams of Formosa, Mrs. Gillespie of Toronto, the hospital visitor, and Rev. Michael Feseuko, the Russian minister to the Ukranian church in Toronto. Miss Ferguson conducted a prayer service.

After a social cup of tea all went home, "With the wind and the rain in our hair!"

The community prayer meeting on Thursday evening was held in the Baptist church with Rev. J. Galloway conducting the service.

Mrs. Scott Bovair visited her mother, Mrs. John Wade, who is recovering from quite a long siege of cold.

Snowball

The "Happy Gang" girls' club met at the home of Miss Eleanor White on Saturday afternoon with a very encouraging attendance, considering the severity of the weather.

The Red Cross members met at the home of Mrs. Earl Lloyd on Wednesday afternoon of last week and a lot of sewing is now well on the way for the next shipment.

Mr. Robert Turp of the R.C.A.F. is now stationed at Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams are both quite ill with the flu and laryngitis. Their many friends hope they will soon be feeling well again.

The Snowball euchre club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell on Friday evening. The prize-winners were as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. James Badger; gentlemen's first, Mr. William Ash; gentlemen's consolation, Calvin Mitchell; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Albert Badger; gentlemen's travelling prize, Henry Hill; ladies' travelling prize, Mrs. Ash.

The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Mitchell on Jan. 31.

Mr. Allan Mills is in training at the Newmarket military camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry West of Pine Orchard attended the United church service on Sunday afternoon and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Copson.

The annual congregational meeting of the Snowball United church will be held at the home of Earl Buckle on Thursday evening, Jan. 30.

Mrs. Clifford White, Mrs. Calvin Mitchell, Mrs. Almonte Appleton, Mrs. Haig and Mrs. William Farren expect to attend the Women's Missionary Society convention in Toronto on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Owing to the illness of the Williams family, the Women's Institute meeting is being held at the home of Mrs. Harry Mills on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. George Manning is on the sick list. His many friends hope he will soon be well again.

Miss Helen Haines of Aurora spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Owen Barr.

The Common Round

WAR - - THE TEACHER

By Isabel Inglis Colville

With the exception of a few countries which are taking war for their god, there are few individuals or nations which do not look on it as an evil thing.

But from time immemorial it has been forced on peace-loving nations by aggressors, who from lust of power and desire for conquest, feel no qualms about trying to grab what they want, at the point of the gun.

There is not one of us who cares to have ANYTHING taken from him by force; and multiplying individuals by the population of the various countries, either those conquered or those at war, and one has an idea of the ferment of hate and determination to regain their own from the grabbers, in the case of those who have lost, or to hold their own, as in the case of our empire.

"What we have we hold" was the title of a once popular book, and can anyone imagine a better slogan for the democracies.

What we have of freedom of speech, of worship, of home life and education did not come to our forefathers and thence to us as a magician would take rabbits out of a hat—it came as the result of bloodshed, of martyrdom, of heroism, of clear thinking and clean living, and was cherished as a sacred thing by those who won it at such cost.

Perhaps the war was sent to us to teach us anew the value of what we possess—that we did not give sufficient care to keeping our liberties bright and shining, and to teach us that what we do not try to share we can never rightly enjoy.

One danger, I think, to any democracy is that its citizens tend to become hopelessly self-centred—they have, being human, their worries, but on the whole, life is good: they are not smarting under some tyrant's lash; they did not—till this war compelled them—look askance at their neighbor countries, for, being peacefully inclined themselves and satisfied with their own lands, they didn't WANT to see any dissatisfaction around them.

This war has taught us that eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

Looking at France, we see how quickly democracy can be crushed between the upper and nether millstones of Nazism, internal dissension and political chicanery.

It's not a nice spectacle, but it's a marvellous object lesson to the other democracies and teaches that only unity of mind and heart and purpose can prevail against the powers of darkness.

One thing we Canadians are learning about with war as a teacher—is a better understanding of United States history and politics.

Since the last war, when we all hoped for Woodrow Wilson's re-election, until this war, when we discovered Franklin D. Roosevelt, I suppose the presidents were little more than a name to us.

We read articles about them, and about their wives, but they were outside our scheme of things—not vital to our interests—but hey, presto! in the twinkling of an eye all that is changed, and I doubt if the citizens of our neighbor to the south were any more excited over the presidential election than the citizens of our empire.

There was something of the knight errant about Mr. Roosevelt when he went before Congress and threw down his challenge. Knights errant always went to the aid of those in distress and Mr. Roosevelt has taken the part of the democracies who are battling for what his nation holds as dear as do they.

Once Republicans, Democrats and isolationists were just words to a great many Canadians—they can never be again—we are too vitally interested in what they stand for, and what they may mean to us.

We may be reluctant scholars, and war may be a stern teacher, but we are learning that the bond of democracy is deeper than race or creed or color. Greece, China and those allies of Britain who are helping guard sea and air and sky are united in a common cause, which is nearer the brotherhood of nations than we have ever dreamed of before, and will, when victory is assured, form a series of stepping stones to one that will be universal.



POLICE COURT

AYS WINE HARMLESS BUT DOES LIKE BEER

That police officers are busy during 1941 driving licenses was evident when Magistrate W. F. Woodliffe, in Newmarket police court on Tuesday, fined three motorists $10 and costs or ten days in jail for not having licenses.

One of the three fined was Fred Crate, Keswick. County Constable Ronald Watt told his worship that on Jan. 20, in Whitchurch township, he stopped a truck owned by the defendant and driven by his 15-year-old son, Lloyd. The boy had no driver's license. Mr. Crate said that his son was a capable driver and, as he needed coal, he had sent the boy to obtain some.

A driver who failed to renew his 1940 driver's license was Roy Madill, Toronto. Constable Watt said that he stopped the Madill car on Huron St. in Whitchurch township on Jan. 20.

The third offender, W. B. Sheffield, Toronto, was stopped by Provincial Constable Ronald Hewitt two miles south of Aurora. The defendant had failed to renew his 1940 license.

Constable Kenneth Mount testified he saw Beatrice P. Kerr, Toronto, drive through a stop street in Newmarket and as a result she was fined $1 and costs.

To fall asleep at the wheel of his truck is not only a dangerous thing to do but is also a costly affair. This is what Kenneth Quantz, Gravenhurst, found out when Magistrate Woodliffe reviewed the charge of careless driving laid against him by Constable Hewitt. He was fined $10 and costs or ten days.

The police officer told the court that on Jan. 11 he was called to the scene of an accident at Holland Landing. There he found a truck which had been driven by Mr. Quantz. Its right headlight and fender had been smashed. The officer stated that the truck had broken six guard-posts at the side of the road and ploughed through two fences.

The defendant, who is employed in war work, pleaded guilty to the charge in a letter to his worship. He gave as a reason for the accident that he had fallen asleep at the wheel. He said that the passenger in his truck had also fallen asleep.

Pleading not guilty through his lawyer, Harry Rose, to a charge of bigamy, Raeburn G. Allen, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, asked that his case be tried by a higher court. In a preliminary hearing Chief Constable James Sloss, Newmarket, testified that on Jan. 11, in company with County Constable Ronald Watt and Detective Richardson of Toronto, he placed the accused under arrest at the Union station in Toronto and then took him to the Toronto police station.

Here in the presence of Constable Watt, Mr. Allen, having been duly cautioned, made a statement in his own handwriting and signed it. In the affidavit the defendant stated that he had married Gertrude Curran in 1936 and while she was still living and the marriage still valid he entered another contract of marriage in Aurora with Myrtda McCabe of Newmarket.

Defence counsel Rose stated that often and for various reasons accused people give statements which are not true. He questioned the charge against the accused, as he said that there were no documents or witnesses present to give proof of the first marriage having been performed. Magistrate Woodliffe committed Allen for trial.

"I've never drunk rubbish like that in my life," stated William Armstrong, Beaverton, pointing to a partially consumed bottle of liquor standing on the table in front of him.

"What?" gasped N. L. Mathews, K.C., clerk and solicitor. "That is perfectly good sherry. Don't you like that kind of wine?"

"I don't drink it," smiled the defendant. Mr. Armstrong was answering charges of careless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and illegal possession of liquor.

Mr. Armstrong denied any knowledge of the wine which Constable Hill found among the groceries in his car. He said that if there was any liquor found it must belong to the soldiers who ran away after the accident. The magistrate gave him the benefit of the doubt and dismissed this charge.

Mrs. Hester Pardy was the first witness to testify. She stated that on Dec. 21 she had been visiting at the house of a friend on the main street in Sutton and had parked her car in front of the premises with its right wheels about three feet off the pavement. She said that it was about 8.45 in the evening and that her car was visible to other traffic, as there was a bright street light across the road.

"Shortly after I had gone into my friend's house I heard a terrific crash," she stated. "I went out and saw the accused getting out of his car."

"Where was your car?" asked the crown attorney, Mr. Mathews.

"It was about 50 feet away, partially over a culvert," answered the witness.

"Did you see anyone else getting out of the accused's car?"

"No, I didn't see anyone else. Mr. Armstrong said that I was parking on the highway." The witness stated that the defendant later told her that he would "fix" her car for her.

Questioned further by the crown, Mrs. Pardy stated that Mr. Armstrong told her first that he lived in Beaverton and then that he lived in Toronto.

"He got in his car," she stated. "I said 'you can't leave here until we get a cop'. He tried to get away and banged into a traffic sign."

In answer to whether Mr. Armstrong was intoxicated, Mrs. Pardy said that the defendant appeared to have been drinking. Damages to her car amounted to $38.05.

William Pardy, husband of the former witness, testified that he was with Mrs. Pardy when she parked her car about three feet off the highway pavement. He said that he did not see the accident but later walked downtown with his wife and was with her when she identified Mr. Armstrong.

Police Constable William Hill told his worship that marks on the road showed the car of Mrs. Pardy had been parked on the west side of the highway. He said that he found the vehicle in the ditch about 40 feet from the point of impact.

"Besides this car there was another," stated the officer. "Its left side bumper was hooked around a 'warning' sign-post. The car couldn't go forward or back. About an hour later I saw the driver, Mr. Armstrong. He said that Mrs. Pardy was parked on the side of the road and that he never saw it until he ran slap-bang into it."

Constable Hill stated that the defendant had been drinking. "He could walk alright, and he could talk alright, but when he was standing he was shaky on his feet."

Mr. Armstrong denied that he had been drinking before the accident occurred but admitted having a number of glasses of beer in a Sutton hotel afterwards. He told his worship that neither he nor his wife could drive a car and that he did not run into the Pardy car. He stated that the car belonged to a son who had joined the army and that it had been in storage in Toronto until the day of the accident when he went to the garage to have it brought to his home. He said that he picked up two soldiers, one of whom drove the car for him. When his car collided with the parked car the soldiers ran away.

"You told the police officer that you had been driving the car," stated the crown attorney.

"I did not tell the officer that I was driving the car," answered the defendant. "I told him that I was in charge of the car. I was trying to protect the soldiers."

"I can't accept your story," stated Magistrate Woodliffe. "There will be a conviction." On the charge of careless driving Mr. Armstrong was fined $15 and costs or 15 days.

As the defendant had gotten out of his car to investigate before he left the scene and as there was no person involved in the accident who needed assistance his worship dismissed the charge of "leaving the scene of an accident."

AUCTION SALE

of household effects, the property of George Micks, Aurora, Ont., rear lot 14, 2nd con., East Gwillimbury, on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

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LOCAL MARKET

Butter sold for 35 cents a pound on the local market on Friday afternoon. Eggs were selling from 22 to 25 cents a dozen and chickens from 20 to 22 cents a pound.

Apples sold for 25 cents a six-quart basket.

TORONTO MARKETS

Prices on the Toronto markets on Tuesday for creamery solids, No. 1, were 33 cents, and creamery prints, first grade, were quoted to retail trade at 34½ to 35 cents a pound. Country dealers were quoted on graded eggs, cases free, delivered to Toronto, for grade A large, 22 cents, A medium, 20 cents, and A pullets, 17 cents a dozen.

Nominal prices to the shipper for poultry were: Ontario young turkeys, all weights, 24 to 25 cents a pound; Ontario geese, A grade, 17 to 20 cents; spring broilers, 1 to 2½ pounds, 21 cents, and spring chickens, 2½ to 4½ pounds, 16 to 17 cents a pound.

Prices in the cattle section were: weighty steers, $8 to $9.25; butcher steers, $7 to $8.50; butcher heifers, $7 to $8.25; fed calves, $8.50 to $10.

Hogs sold at $8.35 live weight.



SHE'S A BLONDE

The bright-eyed, blonde little lady above is Catherine Rhoda, 14-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. King of Toronto. Mrs. King was formerly Miss Lillian Watson, daughter of Mrs. Roy Watson and the late Mr. Watson of Newmarket. Portrait by Morgan, Toronto.

Mount Pleasant

Mumps are still raging, as four of the Ross Stiles family have them.

Mr. Vern York is still very poorly.

Miss Ilene Yorke, who has been sick with pneumonia, is quite better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston and Clara had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bosworth on Thursday. They attended the funeral of the late Mr. George Stiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson and Bernard motored to the city last Saturday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Harry Davis, and her infant son, at the Women's College hospital.

The young people are having a social evening at the home of Mrs. E. Miller Friday evening, Jan. 31. All are welcome.

King

The following is an itemized report of the last shipment of the King township Red Cross Society. This consignment has been made since November, 1940, and was packed on Jan. 9, 1941.

The shipment for Red Cross work included: 192 pairs of socks, 204 towels, 42 pairs of pyjamas, 84 wash cloths, 12 sweaters, 48 scarves, 19 quilts, 18 helmets and 18 pairs of mitts and gloves.

The shipment included the following items for refugee work: 20 sweaters, 22 dresses, 21 skirts, 15 dressing gowns, seven slips, seven pairs pyjamas, three red flannel jackets, one child's coat set.

SCHOMBERG

DR. M. K. DILLANE IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

The hockey team has been having both good and bad results during the past week. Fans hope the good soon comes to the fore.

D. A. Wauchope is in Oshawa this week engaged in carpentering work.

Miss Lorna Dillane spent the weekend with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. K. Dillane.

A goodly number from here attended the euchre held in the Lloydtown school last Wednesday night, Jan. 22. A fine crowd was on hand for the usual good time and lunch was served by the ladies of the section.

The Anglican W.A. held a baking sale and afternoon tea in the Institute room on Saturday afternoon. There was a good array of home-cooking, which went well.

All are glad to know that Mr. John Foster, Sr., is able to be out again after a serious illness.

The Schomberg library association held its annual meeting in the library room on Monday evening, Jan. 20. Although the membership is small and finances low, the members decided to carry on as usual. Pte. Lister Dillane, last year's president, was not present.

E. Smith consented to act as president, with Miss Marjorie Burling, librarian. It is hoped that it will be possible to increase the membership this year. A lot of good reading can be obtained at small cost in the library.

The horticultural society also held their annual meeting last week in the Institute room. Dr. M. K. Dillane was re-elected president, with Mrs. Fred Hunter vice-president. Mrs. Clare Shaw was again put in for secretary-treasurer. Delegates to the convention are Mrs. Victor Marchant and Mrs. J. Lister.

JANUARY 31st
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(NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1940)

ALREADY the pattern and pace of life in Canada have undergone a profound change. Gaps in employment are rapidly filling up. Some 350,000 Canadians who were unemployed before the outbreak of war are now employed. Another 200,000 are with our armed forces. Factories, which until recently were turning out goods for civilian consumption, have been transformed into humming arsenals, pouring out instruments of war. Night and day shifts have become the rule rather than the exception. But the peak of effort is not yet in sight.

In 1941 still more factories will switch to war production . . . new plants will be established, thousands more will be employed. This rising tide of activity must continue until we reach the flood of effort when every Canadian will be employed and working to his utmost, every possible square inch of plant will be utilized, every wheel will be whirring in the race we are waging against time and the enemy.

More men are working . . . working longer hours . . . making more munitions . . . earning more money . . . producing more goods . . . putting more money into circulation. Most Canadians are sharing in this increased national wealth — have extra dollars in their pockets.

The effort the Prime Minister calls for is gaining momentum, but many Canadians, as individuals, have not yet felt the real pinch of sacrifice.

Canadians of all classes are sharing tax burdens, but it must be admitted that up to date the larger part of the money needed for Canada's war effort has come from business firms and individuals with large incomes. They are paying high taxes. They have already invested heavily in War Loan Bonds.

This is not enough. The plain truth is that Canada's rapidly expanding production for war purposes will require increasing sums of money. That is why the Prime Minister warned Canadians in his New Year's broadcast that the year ahead demands more effort and more sacrifice.

Every man, woman and child is asked to lend. Every dollar you lend will help to put another man in a job . . . making more munitions. Every dollar you lend may save a soldier's life . . . help to shorten the war. Small wage earners must carry their share of the burden, too.

No one need go without necessities, but you are urged to forego the purchase of unnecessary articles . . . however small the cost . . . no matter how well you are able to pay for them . . . which take labour and material away from the great task of providing goods needed to win the war.

This is your war. Everything you have . . . everything you believe in . . . is now at stake. This is a message to you . . . a challenge to every Canadian . . . a call to the colours . . . a call for volunteers.

Be sure to make provision to pay your Income Tax— payment is made easier by the new instalment plan. But be prepared to do more — budget your earnings to make sure that you will have money available to buy War Savings Certificates and to subscribe for War Loan Bonds. You will help Canada — you will help yourself.

J. L. Ilsley
Minister of Finance

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WANT ADS

The cash for Want Ads is 25 cents for 20 words for one insertion; 60 cents for two insertions; 75 cents for three insertions. For over 25 words, each additional word, one cent, additional insertions, one-half cent per insertion.

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Boarders wanted — Nice clean rooms. Good meals. All conveniences. Reasonable rates. Apply 60 Eagle St. c2w51

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FOR SALE

For sale—One repossessed, 12-tube, Westinghouse radio. Like new. Reg. $245, selling price $99. Write T. F. McMullen, Newmarket P.O. c1w52

For sale—1939 two-ton heavy duty Fargo truck, cab and chassis. 133-inch wheel-base. Never used. Apply T. M. Keffer, Acme Tire and Battery Service, Water St. c1w52

For sale—One Maple Leaf Chev. truck. 1932 model. Long wheel-base. Cheap, $125. Write T. F. McMullen, Newmarket P.O. c1w52

For sale—Rubber goods, sundries etc., mailed postpaid in plain, sealed wrapper. 80% less than retail. Write for mail-order catalogue. Nov-Rubber Co., Dept. K-16, Box 91, Hamilton, Ont. c8w50

For sale—A few very choice silver fox scarves, ready-to-wear. Prices reasonable. G. B. Thompson, Holland Landing. Phone Newmarket 51-j-11. c3w50

For sale—Five cords stove wood. Seven pullets, laying well. Coal heater. Antique sofa. Cheap for quick sale. Apply 28 Huron St. W. *1w52

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

For sale—1 black Cocker Spaniel, Male. Will trade for good used shotgun. Apply Kenneth MacKinnon, Keswick, Ont. *1w52

FARM ITEMS

For sale—Turnips. Apply John Maurer, R.R. 2, Newmarket, Holland Landing-Sharon road, north-east corner. *2w51

For sale—Viking cream separator. 600 lb. capacity. Used only one year. $40 cash. Apply Elmer J. King, c-o J. Dalton Faris, Newmarket, R. R. 2. c3w50

For sale—Vesott grain chopper. 9½ inch plate. Apply Herbert Leek, Mount Albert, phone 2206. *2w51

LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

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Wanted—Agents for most practical, modern and economical portable milking machine. Large territory. Liberal commission. Write Era box 360. *3w52

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MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted—Old horses and broken-down cattle wanted for fox feed G. B. Thompson, Holland Landing. Phone Newmarket 51-j-11. c3w50

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Lost—Pair of 3-buckle galoshes, with black oxford shoes, taken from dressing-room at pond rink, Saturday, and another pair left. Please exchange with Mr. Morrison, caretaker. c1w52

SALE REGISTER

Wednesday, Feb. 12—Auction sale of household effects, the property of George Micks, Sharon, Ont., rear lot 14, concession 2, East Gwillimbury. Sale at 2 p.m. standard time. Terms cash. F. N. Smith, auctioneer. *2w52

Y.P.U. ANNUAL SKATING PARTY IS TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Skate to the music of the Newmarket Citizens' band at the annual skating party sponsored by the Trinity Y.P.U. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the local arena.

Novelty numbers, lucky prizes and skating from 7.30 to 10 p.m. All are invited to come and enjoy an evening of real fun.

COLLAPSES ON STREET ON WAY HOME FROM WORK

While on his way home from work on Tuesday evening, Fred W. Coupland collapsed on the street. On Thursday he was taken to York county hospital with pneumonia. Mr. Coupland is getting along nicely.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Margaret Schrank, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Schrank, Amelia St., is progressing favorably after undergoing an operation for appendicitis in York county hospital last Thursday.

BIRTHS

Drake—At York county hospital, Jan. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Drake, Holland Landing, a daughter.

Emmerson—At York county hospital, Jan. 25, to Gnr. and Mrs. Alden Emmerson, Newmarket, a son.

Irwin—At York county hospital, Jan. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Irwin, Aurora, a son.

Wood—At York county hospital, Jan. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wood, Aurora, a son.

DEATHS

Coyle—At Newmarket, on Friday, Jan. 24, Margaret Kelly, wife of the late Thomas Coyle, in her 99th year.

The funeral mass was held at St. John's church, on Monday. Interment St. John's cemetery, Newmarket.

Dennis—At Toronto, on Saturday, Jan. 25, Margaret Emeline Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis, Newmarket.

The funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Tuesday. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Gillies—Suddenly, at her residence, 18 Lynd Ave., Toronto, Monday morning, Jan. 27, Jennie (Jean) Gillies, daughter of the late Archibald L. and Jean Gillies of King township, and sister of Archie, Toronto, John, King, Mrs. E. T. Leary (Agnes), Gormley.

The funeral service was held at 18 Lynd Ave. on Wednesday. Interment King cemetery.

Marsh—At Queensville, on Friday, Jan. 24, 1941, Rachel Marsh, widow of the late Sidney Smith Marsh of Holland Landing, formerly of Handsworth, Sheffield, England, and beloved mother of Marjorie Aylward, Queensville, Gladys Cratchley, and Miss Mary Marsh of Toronto.

The funeral was held from the residence of J. B. Aylward, Queensville, on Monday. Interment Christ Church cemetery, Holland Landing.

Sinclair—At Newmarket, on Monday, Jan. 27, Annie Lauretta, daughter of the late Peter and Margaret Sinclair, in her 73rd year.

A private service was held at the home of her brother, Beverley Sinclair, Mount Albert, this afternoon. Interment in Mount Albert cemetery.

Theaker—After a prolonged illness, at her home, Mount Albert, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 25, Maybeth Eliza Rowland, wife of Allen Theaker and mother of Everton S., Manotick, Ont., and Emma B. (Mrs. S. Crone) and H. Wesley of Mount Albert.

The family service was held at the home on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Entombment in Mount Albert cemetery vault. Final resting place family plot, Mount Albert cemetery.

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THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Pastor—REV. A. GREER
Sunday, Feb. 2, 1941
11 a.m.—Service in the charge of **CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR** in keeping with C. E. anniversary.
7 p.m.—**SOLDIERS' NIGHT**—Service to be conducted by **TRAINEES OF THE NEWMARKET CAMP.**
Song service as usual.

If you are not on God's side, there is but one alternative—the devil's.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, Feb. 2, 1941
Preacher: **DR. RUNNELLS**
11 a.m.—**"A PERFUMED CENSER"**
7 p.m.—**"THE POWER OF A PURPOSE"**

Ordination and installation service.

Fireside hour program will be provided by our soldier guests.

Ilityd Harris, organist and choirmaster.

Visitors heartily welcome.

TEA FOR WAR VICTIMS' FUND BRINGS $44.65

Through the kindness of the ladies of the town and surrounding district and the tickets sold on a pair of Nylon stockings, donated by Mrs. F. N. Chandler, Main St., and won by Mrs. W. R. Stephens, Gorham St., $44.65 was realized from the tea given by Mrs. W. L. Bosworth for the war victims' fund sponsored by the Newmarket war veterans.

The tea was held on Tuesday afternoon.

Those assisting Mrs. Bosworth were Mrs. H. E. Lambert and Mrs. W. C. Lundy, who poured tea, and Mrs. C. E. VanderVoort, Mrs. K. M. R. Stiver, Mrs. J. O. Little, Mrs. F. T. Courtney, Mrs. N. L. Mathews, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. W. R. Ewing and Mrs. Floyd R. Mabee.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis and family of Newmarket thank their many kind friends and neighbors for their kindly acts and floral tributes extended to them by friends in Toronto, Newmarket, district, police, municipalities and nurses and staff of Mount Sinai hospital, Toronto, in the departing of a loving daughter, sister, and Aunt Margaret.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ostley and daughter wish to thank their many kind friends and relatives for their many acts of kindness during their recent sad bereavement, also for the many floral tributes received.

In Memoriam

Aird—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William G. Aird, who passed away Jan. 23, 1932.

Remembrance is a golden chain
Death tries to break, but all in vain.
To have to love, and then to part
Is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.

Lovingly remembered by wife and family.

Aird—In loving memory of Wm. Aird, who passed away at his home, Baldwin, Ont., Jan. 28, 1932.

A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps his memory ever dear;
Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.

Ever remembered by wife and family.

Thompson—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Lillie Meredia Thompson, who passed away Jan. 29, 1938.

Time speeds on, three years have passed
Since death its gloom, its shadows cast
Within our home, where all seemed bright.
Two dear bright eyes were dimmed that night;
A loving heart that knew no guile,
Deep trust in God through all her trial,
Never a murmur, but just a smile.
No thought of self, but of the other;
I know He said, "Well done, dear mother."

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by husband and family.

Williamson—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mrs. E. P. Williamson, who died Jan. 30, 1940.

No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain,
We have suffered. Since we lost you
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear mother,
That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed by husband and family.

Wrightman — In loving remembrance of a dear daughter and sister, Gladys Clark Wrightman, who passed away Jan. 28, 1938.

Sweet memories will linger forever,
Time cannot change them, it's true,
Years that may come, cannot sever
Our loving remembrance of you.
Her soul so true in Heaven above
Shall be our "Ever Guiding Star."

Dearly remembered by father, mother, Frank, Wesley, Mary, Eva.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

PHONE 12

—Mr. Nick Petrous, who has been in town for the last three months, returned to Toronto last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Verne Playter and Mrs. C. E. Peacey of Toronto were the guests of Mr. Playter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Playter for the week-end.

—Mr. Burt Playter was a guest of Mr. Ivan Atkins at the Guild of All Arts, Scarboro Bluffs, last Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lehman and little son of Pine Orchard visited Mrs. Thos. Sanderson and Mr. Harold Sanderson on Sunday afternoon.

—Mr. David Wilson of Stratford was the guest of Mr. William Janes of Hamilton at the home of Mr. Janes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Janes, over the week-end.

—Mrs. E. A. Robinson and children and Mrs. Robinson's sister, Mrs. C. E. Hand, of Dartmouth, N.S., were Sunday dinner guests of Chief Constable and Mrs. J. E. Sloss.

—A.C. Arthur Duffield has returned to Moncton, N.B., after a two weeks' furlough.

—Pte. Douglas May of Camp Borden spent the weekend at his home.

—Pte. Charles Gordon of Camp Borden spent the weekend in town.

—Miss Virginia Ruth Elliott of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Elliott.

—Mr. Ronald Morris of Georgetown spent the weekend a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hughes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coupland of Toronto and Miss Mae Coupland, nurse-in-training at the Western hospital, Toronto, spent the weekend with their father, Mr. Ralph S. Coupland.

—Pte. Leonard Coupland returned to Camp Borden on Saturday after spending a fourteen-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Coupland.

—Trooper Cecil Hoover, member of the Governor-General's Horse Guards, Toronto, was home last week.

—Pte. John O'Connor of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, Niagara-on-the-Lake, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. O'Connor, Ontario St.

—Miss Doris Young, Toronto, was the dinner guest of her uncle, Mr. Fleming Young, on Sunday.

—Mrs. A. J. Brace of Toronto spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Thompson.

—Major A. G. Ashby and Mrs. Ashby, recently returned missionaries from Gold Coast, West Africa, visited Major Ashby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ashby, over the weekend.

—Mr. Pearcy Thomas of Oba spent Sunday in town visiting his parents. Mrs. Thomas and baby, who have been visiting in town, returned home with Mr. Thomas.

—Miss Marion Stark spent the weekend in Toronto the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Campbell.

—Mrs. E. A. Robinson and children will leave next Thursday for Dartmouth, N.S., where they will stay with Mrs. Robinson's sister, Mrs. C. E. Hand, for the duration of the war.

CHICKEN PATTY TEA

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6, the annual chicken patty tea, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's church, will be held in the Parish hall. Tea will be served from 3.30 to 7 p.m. Admission 25c. c1w32

BUSINESS MAN DIES SUDDENLY, WAS 52

T. Headley Hill, only son of Mrs. E. J. Hill and the late E. J. Hill of Newmarket, died suddenly at the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General hospital, on Tuesday of last week, in his 53rd year.

Born in Uxbridge township and living his life here, Mr. Hill was an Anglican and a Mason. He was for many years with his father in the butcher business on the west side of Main St., and more recently was in the insurance business.

The Masonic funeral was held from the Roadhouse and Rose funeral chapel on Friday, with burial in the family plot in Newmarket cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, the former Una J. Clarke, a daughter of the late Captain Clarke of Oro township, one son, Clarke, and his mother.

The pallbearers were F. Hewson, J. E. Nesbitt, R. Large, H. Whyle, E. A. Boyd and K. M. R. Stiver.

Attending the funeral from a distance were Irving Hill, Mrs. Arthur Brown, P. H. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davey, and Miss Anne Davey, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. White, Altona; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davey, Stouffville; Mr. William Davey, Ottawa; Mr. John Davey, Mount Albert; Mr. and Mrs. McCrimmon and Mr. Hugh McCrimmon, Hamilton; Judge J. B. Moon, Parry Sound; MacNeil Clarke and Mrs. H. J. Mitchell, Orillia.

LORRAINE PENROSE IS PRETTY BRIDE

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents last Saturday afternoon, when Ethel Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Penrose of Newmarket, became the bride of James Robert Norris Eakins, son of Mrs. E. R. Decary of Montreal and Mr. J. M. Eakins of Noranda, Que.

The bride was charming in a street-length dress of old rose crepe and wearing a corsage of talisman roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Katherine Brown of Toronto, wearing a blue crepe dress and a corsage of pink roses.

Mr. Bruce Glendenning of Toronto was best man.

Rev. Dr. A. E. Runnells performed the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother wearing a soldier blue crepe dress with black accessories and corsage of Pernet roses and the groom's mother wearing flowered crepe dress with black accessories and corsage of white gardenias, assisted the bridal couple.

Mr. Eakins is a member of the R.C.A.F. and is stationed at Kingston.

Following their honeymoon the young couple are residing in Newmarket.

HUDSON DEALER IS PROUD OF COMPANY

His company, Hudson Motor Car Co., is helping with the democratic war effort, and will build and operate for the U. S. navy a $13,000,000 ordnance plant near Detroit, T. M. Keffer, Hudson dealer, informed The Era this week. The plant will be devoted to the production of, among other things, parts for guns and torpedoes.

VANITY BEAUTY SHOPPE

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MARIONETTES TAKE LIONS CLUB BY STORM

Named an "International Counsellor," H. E. Lambert was signally honored at the Newmarket Lions club meeting at the King George hotel on Monday evening.

In recognition of his services as a former district governor, a post in which he made a name for himself, Mr. Lambert received a framed certificate from Lions International.

"He is 100 per cent Lion, 100 per cent citizen," said F. A. Lundy in making the presentation. Mr. Lundy said that Mr. Lambert had a record of nearly 16 years perfect attendance.

Mr. Lambert in turn presented ten-year charter chevrons to the following members: W. W. Osborne, F. A. Lundy, A. J. Davis, W. C. Lundy, Dr. S. J. Boyd, W. H. Eves, Wm. Alex. Eves, Alex. Georgas, Frank Bothwell, W. L. Bosworth, J. J. McCaffrey, L. B. Rose, Dr. C. E. VanderVoort.

Mr. Lundy presented ten-year monarch chevrons to J. E. Nesbitt, K. M. R. Stiver, C. G. Wainman and Fred Thompson.

The Lions then enjoyed several lovely solos by Mrs. Marshall Lyons, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Rutledge at the piano, and a marionette demonstration by Victor Higginson, son of Councillor A. V. Higginson. Mr. Higginson, a graduate of Newmarket high school, who is now in the Imperial Bank, used marionettes which he had made himself and gave a clever show.

First was a dancing doll, who was accompanied by Mrs. Lyons at the piano. Then came the "daring young man on the flying trapeze," who really did fly through the air with the greatest of ease, and did amazing acrobatics.

The masterpiece was the dancing skeleton, whose head sprang into the air with the first beats of the music, soon to be joined by other parts of his body. The skeleton did a superb dance and then subsided again with a gruesome creak.

Mr. Higginson's performance took the meeting by storm.

Vice-President Gordon L. Manning, who was in charge of the meeting, expressed the thanks of the club to the guest artists.

Frank Peppiatt, new proprietor of the White Rose service station and Pontiac and Buick representative, was present as the guest of J. E. Nesbitt, Chevrolet and Oldsmobile representative.

Redmen Suffer 7-2 Defeat By Markham

Markham trounced the Newmarket Redmen by a 7-2 score in Markham on Friday night, the victory placing the Markham team one point back of the leading Redmen.

Broughton and Dickson were the goal-getters for Newmarket, while Rowe and Lawrie with two goals were the leading Markham scorers. Murphy, A. Baker and Meaharg were the other Markham goal-getters.

WILL OPEN SHOP FEB. 6

The retail meat shop at the Arctic Lockers, Timothy St., will be opened on Feb. 6.

SLAPS 'N' SCRAPS



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By Ralph M. Adams

With the group schedule dying, the Redmen look like a fairly good bet for at least second place, with an even break on the season with the Markham clan and an even split on the season so far with the Aurorans.

However, they have two more games with the Aurora boys and finish the season with the Sutton crew, who are scrappers to the last ditch, and these games may mean quite a shake-up in the group standing. Markham can be quite confident of the top rung, with two games to play with Sutton.

The free-for-all in the dying moments of the struggle with Markham had been long coming, as Coburn had been teasing Gunn all nite. My guess is that Cliff, who is generally good-natured (contrary to some Aurora fans' opinions), stood as much as he could, so let the red-head have it, as he started back up the ice.

The "Poison Pair," Dickson and Gibbon, appear to be the trouble shooters for the Redmen, as they seem to click for the markers at just the right moment. Their three against the Aces were the torpedoes that sunk the Markham ship.

One feature of the game last Thursday nite was the absence of Bob Bangay's name from the score sheet, which only indicates the reds are really bearing down on checking the right men.

The Aurora boys were full value for their win and on the play deserved the victory, altho' they did get one soft one on Carr, who stopped a dozen labellers after this first lapse.

Incidentally, the last goal of the game by Pearce was five feet offside at his own end of the rink. However, it didn't mean much, as the game was almost over.

This lad Tunbridge, who led most of the attack for the blue-clad team, is one of the best boys in the group and was to my mind the most effective man on the ice Monday nite on either squad. On his play to date he has a real future on the ice and "C" hockey won't hold him very long.

Alexander and Beaumont are two more of the "Aurora" boys who caught your scribe's blinkers as real comers and both were threats every time they hovered near the red twine.

Newmarket have no excuses to offer for their loss even though they played without the services of Bone, who is in bed with the flu and the red blue-liners played 60 minutes, while the team had but three replacements for all positions.

Tommy Myers played his best game of the season in the Aurora encounter with his rushing and his defensive work on the blue-line. His leg, injured last season, seems to be standing the gaff in first-class style.

Tuesday nite the Mercantile league opened with two teams from the M.T.C. opposing the Town and the Davis Leather. Both games provided plenty of thrills for the crowd of some 350.

The town teams broke even on the evening, the Town losing in the last period to a fast-skating khaki squad 4-3, while the leathermen in an abbreviated tussle gained a 1-0 decision over the army second team.

On Friday and again on Monday night the mercantilers will hold forth at the arena with the camp providing the opposition for the two town squads again. The trainees really turn out and support their pals, as the latter turn it on against the local boys.

RED CROSS ASKS GIFTS OF LEFT-OVER WOOL

The Red Cross society has an urgent call from headquarters for an extra quota of 50 pairs of pyjamas. It is earnestly hoped that as many ladies as possible will come forward to make these pyjamas. The sewing committee will appreciate the ladies calling for same at the rooms on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The wool committee is very anxious to secure any left over colored wool that knitters might have in their homes. This wool must be four-ply. It is to be used in making Afghans for convalescent soldiers. Also, anyone having grey or brown wool left over, that they can spare, it will be most gratefully appreciated.

The Red Cross Society would like to express grateful thanks to the leaders and their groups for the following work submitted for January:

Mrs. Scott's group, 11 boys' shirts; Mrs. Bond's group, four suits pyjamas, four babies' night gowns; Mrs. Ennis' group, one quilt, 18 pairs bloomers; Mrs. Buckler's group, one quilt; Pine Orchard group, three pairs socks, two pairs men's mitts, one wool scarf; Miss Daniel's group, eight night-gowns, two baby bonnets, two pairs bootees.

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JUNIOR LADIES' AID WILL MEET ON FEB. 6

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Ladies' Aid of the Christian church will be held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Epworth, 17 Raglan St., on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7.30 p.m.

CEMETERY COMPANY HAS GOOD YEAR

The financial statement of the Newmarket cemetery company, presented by Secretary-Treasurer W. O. Carruthers last week, showed a bank balance of $2,814.68 and cash on hand of $11.

During the year there were 102 burials, and one removal to another cemetery. The property committee removed the old mortuary and erected a modern building in its place. There have been over 200 trees planted and many other improvements have been made to the grounds and buildings.

N.H.S. DOES WELL

N.H.S. hockey seniors defeated St. Andrew's College first team at Aurora last evening 5-3. N.H.S. seconds defeated St. Andrew's second team Monday night at Aurora.



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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Aircraftman J. Marchen of the R.C.A.F. spent the weekend with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston of Queensville were in town last Thursday.

Pte. Joe Smith of the veterans' home guard corps, Espanola, is home on furlough.

Fred Wilkinson of the R.C.A.F., manning pool, Toronto, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson, Harrison Ave.

Douglas Egan, of the R.C.A.F., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Egan, Wells St.

Mrs. O. L. Andrews and Miss Catharine Andrews spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brooks, Newmarket.

Mr. Bert Franklin of Toronto was in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Preston of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bunn, Wells St.

Miss Marion Thompson, of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson, Victoria St.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Welsman, of Toronto, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. N. Eade, Catharine Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Locke, Jr., and Mrs. Fred Locke, Sr., of Toronto, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Spence, Wellington St.

Mr. Clifford Clubine, Belleville, spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Charles Powell, Centre St.

Pte. Gordon Tindale, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Niagara camp, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tindale, Wellington St.

Arthur Bunn of the R.C.A.F. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bunn, Wells St.

S AND P

Pte. William Wilson of the R.C.A.S.C., Camp Borden, has been spending a few days at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teasdale and son, Adrian, of St. Catharines, spent Sunday with Mrs. George Teasdale, Wells St.

Mrs. M. J. Walker of Toronto is visiting relatives in town.

OVERSEAS XMAS BOXES ACKNOWLEDGED BY BOYS

This week's overseas mail brought a batch of long-awaited letters to Aurora.

One lady received no less than seven letters in one day for a total of nine for the week.

Best news of all to local residents was the word in practically every case that the Christmas boxes packed so carefully and lovingly were mostly all received by the boys.

INTEREST SHOWN IN WAR NUTRITIONS COURSE

The war nutritions course, sponsored by the Aurora Red Cross, under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Boulding will open on Feb. 10, in the Anglican parish hall at 8.15 p.m., it was announced this week.

Mrs. H. L. Aldrich, the branch secretary, told The Era there had been a splendid registration and that further registrations would be accepted.

A.H.S. DEFEATED

In a pre-season exhibition game of basketball at St. Andrew's College gym the local high school seniors went down to defeat 33-11. The game served as a good workout for both teams.

AURORA CHILDREN ARE CHRISTENED

Rev. Stanley Glen, pastor of Glenview Presbyterian church, Toronto, and formerly of Aurora St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, was in town last Thursday to perform the christening of two Aurora children, Peter McGregor Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Chester Osborne, Mill St., and James A., son of Mrs. James Closs, and the late Mr. Closs.

DEPUTY-REEVE IS ON AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Deputy-Reeve C. E. Sparks has been selected as a member of the agricultural committee of York county council. Last year he was a member of the education committee.

TEAMS AGAIN VIE AT BOWLS

Last night the lawn bowlers and non-bowlers tried conclusions at bowling alleys in Toronto, but no final calculations have been issued.

John Morning captained the socialites, who included Harry Aldrich, Mayor Frank Underhill, B. E. Hambley, W. E. Griffith, L. C. Lee, W. L. Milgate and Dr. C. J. Devins. The bowlers were represented by Chas. Fry (capt.), Wm. Morris, Jim Morris, Reeve C. A. Malloy, J. G. McDonald, C. Williamson, Herb. Holman and Irwin Watts.

Over 5,000 people read The Era every week.

SCHOMBERG TEAM TIES BRADFORD, KEEPS LEAD

Schomberg kept at the top of the rural loop by tying Bradford here on Tuesday in the local arena.

The game was a blood and thunder affair with a wild free-for-all in the third period, which saw practically all the players in action. After a scoreless first period Bradford scored in the second, as Turton pulled Nesbitt's shot over the goal-line.

Armstrong got the equalizer for Schomberg as his shot deflected off a skate to slide past Mickey Smith. Oswald Davey of Bradford handled the game and the fans roared disapproval when no overtime was played to break the one-all tie.

For Bradford, Joe Peat, Nesbitt and Church were best, while Shropshire, Graham and Ross Folliott were the league leaders' stars. Schomberg was without the services of Ken Brown, injured in Friday's game at Beeton.

QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS PARADE IN TORONTO

Last Sunday the entire Queen's York Rangers regiment paraded to the Church of St. Jude, Toronto, for divine service. The parade formed up in High Park with the regimental band and bugle band both on hand. Headed by the O.C., Lieut.-Col. John Hyde Bennett, V.D., the parade moved off to the church via Howard Park Ave. and Roncesvalles.

At the church, the recently appointed padre of the Queen's Yorks, Capt. Robert John Shires, rector of the church, preached an eloquent sermon. Lieut.-Col. Bennett read the lessons.

Following the service the regiment paraded to Fort York armories by way of Roncesvalles, King, and Strachan Ave. At the armories coffee and sandwiches were served to the men, while afternoon tea was served in officers' and sergeants' mess.

IS TREASURER OF FUND FOR SOLDIERS

Mrs. James Whimster is the treasurer of the British women's soldiers' fund campaign which opens in Toronto on Feb. 1. The ladies are selling buttons bearing the slogan, "I'm backing Britain to win." The Aurora Women's Liberal Association recently donated $30 raised at a bridge to the fund.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Harry Fry, Temperance St., left last week for northern Ontario where he has accepted a position with a construction company.

QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS DRILL IN NEWMARKET

Last Thursday evening C company of the Queen's York Rangers drilled at Newmarket. The three platoons each went through a route march, a lecture on military law and machine gun practice. The company will drill in Newmarket again this evening.

IS IN OTTAWA

Howard J. Morton of the Royal Canadian Signal Corps is now stationed in Ottawa, where he is doing special short-wave radio work. He has been joined by Mrs. Morton and Anna and Judith.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET SOON

A meeting of the York musical festival executive will be held early in February, according to Secretary Donald Galbraith. All indications point to the continuance of the festival this year. It is hoped that Capt. Dr. C. R. Boulding, president the past four years, will continue in office.

WILL REPAIR FIRE DAMAGE

The Aurora Building company have secured the contract for repairs to the residence of Lees Owram, recently damaged by fire. The company are also making extensive alterations and building an addition to their Yonge St. warehouse.

BLOOD DONORS RECEIVE BADGES

Two members of the blood donors unit have received service badges, namely, Harold LaValle and Robert Hodgkinson. Mr. LaValle has made five contributions and Mr. Hodgkinson four. To obtain this treasured button it is necessary to make three donations of blood.

A new unit is being formed by the Aurora branch and at present there are three volunteers. Two more are urgently needed. Those interested are urged to communicate at once with the secretary. Free transportation to and from Toronto is provided by the local branch.

IS NAMED CENSUS TAKER

E. A. Bonnick, well-known resident of the Oakridges district, has received the appointment as census commissioner for North York. He has previously served as chief returning officer. Every ten years a national census is taken and 1941 is the start of a new ten-year period. George H. Leary of Gormley held the appointment in 1931. The census will not be started until June.

PRESBYTERIANS MARK BURNS ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday evening the annual Burns supper of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held, with over 300 attending.

The haggis was piped in by Jack Davidson, while J. Anderson of the Toronto St. Andrew's society gave a special address. F. R. Maxwell of Knox College acted as chairman of the evening. Burns' readings were given by Mrs. John T. Bond, C. C. Macdonald and Mrs. Jos. McGhee. Nora Calhoun and Pat. Bilborough favored the audience with the Highland fling. Mr. Anderson gave some Harry Lauder imitations and Scotch songs, while Jean Patterson played the violin. David Ferguson with the violin and Bill McGhee with the accordion delighted the audience with their harmony.

Decide Rural Women Have As Much Leisure

Last Thursday the Aurora Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Bilborough, Tyler St.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. J. R. Harrison, Mrs. W. Waite and Mrs. H. Neilly. The roll-call was answered by naming prominent women.

Visitors welcomed included Mrs. Ralph Willis of Vandorf, district president, and Mrs. C. Marchant of Schomberg. The secretary, Mrs. George Walker, gave a detailed report on the annual convention held in Toronto.

Feature of the afternoon was a debate "Resolved that the rural woman has as much leisure as the city woman." After a spirited debate, the affirmative team of Mrs. Charles Bilborough and Mrs. C. C. Macdonald were adjudged winners. The negative was represented by Mrs. Harold Lubbock and Mrs. Roy Fierheller. Judges were Mrs. Marchant, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Harrison.

The meeting decided to hold a euchre and dance in the Mechanics' hall on Feb. 21, the proceeds to go for patriotic purposes and the Queen Mary cot.

HOLD SLEIGHING PARTY

Last evening the Young People's Union of Aurora United church held a delightful toboggan party in the hills near De La Salle College. Afterwards the party adjourned to the Coronet cafe for lunch.

RED CROSS SHIPS MORE CLOTHING

Red Cross shipments this month include the following articles: six quilts, 10 convalescent jackets, 45 pairs of pyjamas, 187 pairs of socks, 30 pairs of mitts, one convalescent robe, three pairs of wristlets, 13 balaclava caps, two helmets, 12 handkerchiefs and other articles.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. M. Traviss has recovered sufficiently from her recent illness to return from the hospital to her Yonge St. home.

AURORA REEVE PUT ON PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Reeve C. A. Malloy was honored by his county council colleagues last week by being elected to the county old age pensions committee.

Deputy-Reeve Boynton Weldrick of Vaughan township was also named a member. Deputy-Reeve Byron Stiver of East Gwillimbury was named to the industrial home committee, while Reeve Fred Lundy of Newmarket is a member of the striking committee. Reeve William Pugsley of Sutton this year represents the northern municipalities of the county as county commissioner.

CHURCHES HAVE VISITING SPEAKERS

Rev. P. M. McDonald of Toronto was the preacher on Sunday at Aurora United church, while at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the pulpit was occupied by Ian MacSween of Knox College. Both churches at present are without a permanent incumbent.

TEAMS BREAK EVEN

St. Andrew's College and the public school youngsters broke even in their recent series, St. Andrew's winning the "A" game 4-3, while in the "B" series Aurora triumphed 7-4. Further games between the two schools are being arranged, as well as games with Holt, Vandorf, and Hartman's Corners.

EUCHRE PARTY ENJOYED

The Oddfellows' euchre on Tuesday evening provided a jolly time for lodge members and their friends. Winners included: men, P. M. Thompson and Wm. Waite, Sr.; ladies, Mrs. G. Walker and Mrs. A. Marsten.

WILL MOVE TO SHARON

Mr. and Mrs. Danzy Jarvis, Harrison Ave., have purchased property at Sharon and will take up residence there shortly. Mr. and Mrs. George Teasdale, Wells St., will occupy the Jarvis residence.

DOWN THE CENTRE

Tonight Newmarket fans get their first glimpse of the league-leading Aurora juniors and unless we're lucky or play hookey we'll be dependent on a secondhand report of the game from our scouts as the Yorks hold forth in another part of the town. Both teams have each won a game in the series on Aurora ice and we wouldn't want to try to dope out the game except to say Mr. and Mrs. John O. Fan will get two bits worth of sizzling entertainment.

Monday's win was pretty sweet for Aurora fans. It was the first win in over ten years for a local team over the Redmen. Displaying the same brand of hockey there's no reason it can't happen again. We'd have liked to have seen the canal-towners at full strength. Then there would have been no room for any doubting Thomas, for our personal opinion is that the battling form displayed by Harry Pearce and company could not have been denied in any case. The results of the Markham series for both teams shows how evenly they are matched.

My opinion is that the Redmen were fortunate the score wasn't any worse, as Frank Carr had to play sensational hockey. This time my contemporary will probably agree with me. Ganging, which we thought was likely to favor the Rowntree clan, found Sweeney's men more adept and dangerous and they were clearing the best of the season, too, although both Newmarket goals could be blamed on poor defensive work. Charlie Sweeney came out of a sick-bed to take over. He was forced to leave at the end of the first period with the visitors in front. He left the gang the slogan "Go get them or I'll feel sicker" and the team answered the message in decided fashion. Sweeney has been away from his charges for over a week and after the individualism of the Sutton series not many fans thought there'd be team-play, but passes went around like wildfire and didn't backfire either. By the same token Charlie Rowntree's lads played an entirely unselfish game.

Three games on the road leaves a pretty tough schedule, but the boys have been good on the road. In fact, the fans say better than at home, so they're not worried about it all. The crystal ball gives Markham the best chance of finishing in front as they have two games with Sutton coming up that should be soft touches. They will end the season on their own ice against Aurora. A win for Aurora regardless of any other games would leave both teams tied with 15 points.

If Aurora takes one game from the Redmen the Newmarket boys can do no better than finish third, as their highest point total would be 14. But a complete sweep of their remaining games would give them 16 points, enough to finish on top, providing Markham lost one game. Aurora, with 13 points, can just about cinch second place with a win tonight, while any other points secured would be added gravy.

Del. Beaumont, the hard-fighting Aurora centre, leads the scoring pack with 19 points, made up of 11 goals and eight assists. Next in line are Bruce Stephens and Norm. Mabley, with 12 points apiece. Ross Tunbridge, ace Aurora defenceman, has 11 points, while in order follow Pearce 10, Brown 10, Starke 9, Beresford 6, Armstrong 2, Rawlings 1, Alexander 1, Bilborough 1. **Jack Gibbon** is probably the leading Newmarket marksman, with Bone the top scoring defenceman of the league. Bob Bungay or Lawrie, along with Beaumont, must be battling it out for the league's scoring championship.

Referees in the local group have been, strangely enough, exceptionally spotty this year. Being near Toronto gives the powers that be a chance to send out new men. Bob "Moose" Ecclestone and Blondie Sutcliffe are two that have been tried and found wanting. Ernie Wortley has slowed up to a walk and can't keep up to the play. Frankie Finnegan appeared up in the air all right at Markham. Army Armstrong, Bert Hedges and Bob Morrison have turned in good performances. Bob Peters and Herb Holman were used locally and both turned in nice efforts. Max Reesor officiated at Sutton with fair satisfaction. Out of the list of names submitted at the group meeting only three men have been used, and Aurora and Sutton have used the most. Probably some of the contention at the group meeting didn't mean very much, as we suspected. However, the fact is that you pay the same for an unsatisfactory official as a good one. It's time the clubs made their voices heard with the O.H.A.

Tommy Myers is looking better on the Newmarket defence each time out, but is inclined to be a bit peevish. A player as good as the Pickering boy can afford to settle down a bit. **Dickson** is a deceptive player. Frankly, his work doesn't seem a whit better than anyone else's, if as good, yet he appears unexpectedly to pick up loose pucks at opportune moments, which, after all, we suppose, is what counts. Despite what anyone else may think, we still term his second period goal "lucky." Fans at the east end of the rink maintain the locals got a goal in the last period, which the goal judge refused to recognize. It all happened very fast and Wortley was far enough from the play so he couldn't see. However, it didn't matter.

Tuesday night we saw some modified mayhem on ice as **Bradford** and **Schomberg** battled and we mean just that. The score was a 1-1 tie, which the teams refused to play off. **Aub. Fleury**, who is taking a team to Nobleton tomorrow night, dropped down for a few pointers but was soon called upon to quell the third period riot. Shorty Graham clashed with one of the Bradford lads, and everybody, including the Schomberg coach, joined in. Turton, the King township net-minder, dropped Carter with a left hook that would have done credit to Joe Louis in a feature bout. Bradford, in case you don't know, is classed as "A" and has no opposition in the group. **Mickey Smith** performs in the nets and has with him Joe Peat and Roy and Ross Eves, from the Newmarket district, to form the nucleus of the Celery Kings.

"Rusty" White, the old Aurora defence star, is again performing for Fergus intermediates and doing a good job. **Pete Donkin** has joined the fast travelling Etobicoke Colts and Cy. Wentworth is now angling for **Jack Curtis**. Jack is playing with Stockyards but is not too keen to travel for out-of-town games. **Jim Lowe** is top scoring defenceman in junior B and quite a few Aurora fans saw Etobicoke mow the Brantford team, which Jim captains. Jim incidentally says that last year's Aurora Tigers were superior to this year's edition of the Brants.

Harold Beaudoin, the Penetang-Midland tennis flash, joined the ranks of the newlyweds last week. **Borden Wheeler** of Barrie Colts is top marksman in the northern loop and you may see him in action here soon, as the Colts will clash with Aurora. He was with Collingwood the year the local juniors won C honors, while last year he performed with Gravenhurst intermediates. The Gravenhurst team of this year includes Mac Ogilvie of Bradford, who filled in with Newmarket in the campaign of '32, Danny MacDonald of Sutton, and Wilson "Sam" Scott, who played here as a youngster when his brother, Bob, was Aurora's big defence star.

Stanley, last year on the defence for Owen Sound juniors, is now a member of the Camp Borden Bullets in senior B. He is a member of the Grey-Simcoe Regiment.

Badminton officials announce the collapse of the local group and that only a series of friendly matches will be played.

Joint McComb is in a dilemma, we suspect. The St. Kitt's junior B team is on top of their group. But Eugene also plays for the Hayes Wheel Company, who are likewise in front of the local mercantile set up. The Wheelers intend to go on in Intermediate B, so some choice will have to be made. Although if anybody can arrange matters it will probably be Garden City officials. Incidentally, Joint is said to have performed before the "mike" with Rex Stimers on the St. Catharines station some days ago.

Tomorrow afternoon the grads clash with the school in a basketball fixture at the high school. There'll be plenty of weary joints after it's over, we reckon.

Dudley Wilcox is playing hockey for the S.P.S. frosh team in the interfaculty series.

Just in case anyone would like to know, the local junior group standing is as follows and we hope it won't be too much of a shock to some of our friends.

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Aurora	6	2	1	62	31	13
Markham	5	3	1	53	30	11
Newmarket	5	4	0	36	29	10
Sutton	1	8	0	19	18	2

IS TRANSFERRED

Forest Toole, of No. 11 platoon, C company, Queen's York Rangers, who is now employed in Toronto, has been transferred to No. 12 platoon, which trains at Fort York armories.

WILL BE HOSTS

Next Wednesday evening, Feb. 5, the Queen's York Rangers regiment will play host to the warden and members of York county council as well as men prominent in the life of the county. The entire regiment will be on parade, including the Aurora and Newmarket platoons.

BREAKS THUMB

While engaged at work at the Collis Leather company, Glyn Morgan had the misfortune to break the thumb on his right hand.

CALENDAR

Rev. A. R. Park will preach at 11 a.m. on "The Christian Life—part time or 'all-out'?" at the Baptist church on Sunday morning. A reception of new members and the Lord's Supper will follow.

In the evening at 7 o'clock, a group from the Baptist Brotherhood of Toronto will sing and speak.

Dr. S. Arthur Clarke of Malden, Mass., is coming to preach in the Baptist church on Monday evening, Feb. 10, at a great mass meeting of young people from the surrounding district. About 50 are coming from Toronto.

BEAT REDMEN BY 5-2 SCORE ON AURORA ICE

Displaying an improved brand of hockey, with a strong ganging offensive and some timely forechecking, Aurora junior C's definitely took over the group leadership as they scored an impressive 5-2 triumph over the Newmarket Redmen here on Monday night.

Newmarket were minus their sterling defenceman, Gordy Bone, ill with influenza, and of course the injured Jack Luck, but Myers and Gunn worked hard on the defence and McInnis, who replaced Luck as a starting forward, left little to be desired.

Frank Carr played a standout game in goal and certainly kept down the score as the local forwards went on a rampage. Ross Tunbridge, Harry Pearce, Del. Beaumont, Irwin Brown and Norm. Mabley were the pick of the Aurora team, while Ross Waddell was steady as usual.

Penalties played an important part in the contest, Aurora's Tunbridge getting the equalizer in the second period with Myers in the box, while Brown batted in the pay-off counter as Gunn was chased following a trip to Mel. Rogers. Ernie Wortley officiated.

Newmarket had an edge in the first ten minutes and McInnis fired home the opening counter at 4.10. Myers was chased at 5.18 and missed a misconduct as Wortley's back was turned. Play warmed up a bit and Carr made two sensational saves.

In the second stanza, with Myers in the hoosegow, Ross Tunbridge wound up and beat Carr with a shot to the upper right corner. Pearce was banished at 25.57, but the locals handled the situation with ease. Pearce got another penalty and was followed by Dickson and, with both boys in the box, a prolonged Aurora attack, foiled twice by Carr, finally caught on. Pearce taking Tunbridge's pass for a well-earned score. With only five seconds remaining, loose defence work allowed Dickson to pick up a loose puck and knot the count again.

Stephens was banished for hooking after 17 seconds of play, but no damage was done. Both goalies were tested hard, with the Aurora attack getting better all the time.

Mel. Rogers appeared headed for a break through the Newmarket defence, but Cliff. Gunn's stick interposed and he was waved to the sidelines by the arbiter. This was the signal for a prolonged ganging attack and Brown was johnny-on-the-spot to sink home the rubber, as Tunbridge and Mabley assisted. Aurora now turned on the offensive heat and checked the speedy canal-towners in their own end repeatedly.

Finally Del. Beaumont was rewarded for his good work as he wound up on the end of a three-ply passing attack, with his linemates, Stephens and Pearce, assisting. Harry Pearce caught the Redmen up the ice and, skating like greased lightning, beat Myers and Carr at 17.45. The Rowntree boys worked like Trojans to break the ice, but could not get their sights on, due to close checking. Pearce on another solo was outguessed by Carr's brilliant save. Beresford and Broughton both got the finger in the dying moments of the game.

Ross Tunbridge was forced to retire for repairs late in the period with a bad charlie horse as a result of a hard check at the Newmarket blueline. He got a big hand from the fans as he left the ice and Dr. C. R. Boulding pronounced him O.K. for further action.

Newmarket: goal, Carr; defence, Myers and Gunn; centre, Broughton; wings, Gibbon and Dickson; alternates, Jelley, Hamilton, McInnis, Watson and Kaus.

Aurora: goal, Waddell; defence, Alexander and Beresford; centre, Beaumont; wings, Pearce and Stephens; alternates, Mabley, Brown, Starke, Tunbridge, Rogers.

E. G. RED CROSS SOCIETY PACKS BALE

The ladies of the East Gwillimbury Red Cross Society met at Sharon hall on Tuesday, Jan. 14, to pack the following shipment for headquarters: 15 seamen's sweaters, 12 sleeveless sweaters, 17 pairs of seamen's socks, seven pairs two-way mitts, five pairs of mitts, 108 pairs of socks, ten scarves, four helmets, three pairs of rifle mitts, four hospital gowns, three pairs pyjamas.

Refugee articles: 12 pairs of bloomers, three slips, seven bonnets, one pair bootees, two crib quilts, five large quilts, four skirts, two sweaters, one pair boys' socks, one child's skirt.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS COMMITTEE HEADS

Deputy-Reeve Joseph Vale of Newmarket heads the education committee of York county council and Deputy-Reeve Lorne Goodfellow of King the equalization committee. Other officials elected were Reeve Byron Stiver of Mount Albert to the House of Refuge committee and Reeve Charles Malloy of Aurora to the old age pension board.

Jury Asks Ammunition Ban For Those Under Sixteen

On Friday evening the inquest into the death of Edward Komar was held in the town hall under Coroner Dr. C. J. Devins.

N. L. Mathews, K.C., appeared for the crown, while C. C. Macdonald appeared on behalf of Charles Lawson. B. E. Hambley was foreman of the jury, which was composed of Fire Chief Harry Jones, Councillors A. A. Cook, Ross Linton and J. Stuart.

After over an hour's deliberation the following verdict was delivered: "We find that Edward Komar came to his death on Saturday, Jan. 11, on the first sideroad north of the C.N.R. subway, known as Case's sideroad, three-quarters of a mile west of Yonge St., between 5 and 6 p.m., by a bullet entering the left breast and puncturing the heart. That a rifle was carelessly fired by Charles Lawson at the ground in the direction of Edward Komar, the bullet deflecting from the ground, accidentally striking the deceased. We recommend to the proper authorities that no ammunition should be sold to any person under the age of 16 and also recommend that a check-up be made on minors carrying firearms or rifles of any description."

Sixteen-year-old Trevor Morgan, companion of Lawson and Komar said that the boys had not been firing wildly, but had been careful all day until the fatal shot was fired.

Charles Lawson told the court he could not explain the shot except that he had "shot to raise the snow." He said he had pointed the gun towards the ground at least ten feet in front of his companion and that the bullet must have struck the ice and glanced upwards. The bullets had been purchased locally, the money being obtained from the sale of some rabbits sold a few days before the fatality. "My mother phoned me in the morning and told me not to go hunting, but I disobeyed her," he said.

Mrs. George Lawson told of purchasing the gun for her son. "Most boys around here have guns," she said. She did not know about registration or buying or selling guns but did not want her boy to use the rifle until she contacted Chief Dunham. She had expressly prohibited her son from going out to hunt.

Chief Fisher Dunham told the court that the gun had been sold and purchased without the necessary consent of the chief of the York county police and had not been re-registered. "It was illegally sold, illegally purchased and illegally used," said Mr. Mathews.

"I believe all the boys told the truth," said the coroner. "This has been a terrible shock to the community and I hope that the authorities will take some steps to check the indiscriminate hunting and shooting in this district. It is a wonder there have not been more accidents. I agree with the verdict the jury has reached."

LOCAL BOYS DRUB GREENSHIRTS 12-4

Last Friday evening Aurora made it three straight for the week over Sutton Greenshirts in a ragged game of hockey before a corporal's guard of fans with a score of 12-4.

Sutton put up a game, hard-fought first period and looked as if they might be headed for one of their "nights," but after a good dressing-room talk the locals settled down to business.

Aurora led 3-2 at the end of the first. They tallied four in the second to make it 7-2 and in the final period hit the nets five times while the visitors perked up a bit to score two.

Norm Mabley found the going to his taste and banged home four counters. Starke, Beaumont, and Armstrong whacked in two apiece, while Brown and Beresford each scored. Only four penalties were meted out by Referee Bob Peters of Newmarket, who officiated in fine style.

Gilbey, Lonergan and Thompson were the pick of the visitors. Tubby Barrow made his first start of the season, while the two Taylor boys filled in capably for the absentees.



IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

H. H. Hannam, Toronto, secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario, one-time Sharon school teacher, was re-elected president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at a meeting of the board in Toronto on Friday evening. It is his second term in office.

BAPTISTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

A general church meeting was held by the congregation of Aurora Baptist church on Jan. 22.

A successful financial year was reported with increased membership. John Dodd was re-elected clerk of the board, with Miss E. M. Blake as treasurer. The board of deacons is: Erastus Harman, Chas. Dodson, A. Billing, Rev. L. C. Palframan, E. Harris and J. Dodd. Miss Myrtle Long is envelope secretary and ass't treasurer.

Deaconesses: Mrs. G. A. C. Gunton, Mrs. A. R. Park, Mrs. R. Bryan, Mrs. J. Dodd, Mrs. J. Gowan and Mrs. L. C. Palframan. Stewardesses: Mrs. J. Closs and Miss M. Long. Among those named to act with the deacons on the finance committee were Miss Ruth Rose, Dr. G. A. C. Gunton, Mrs. George Pattenden and J. Stephenson. Trustees: E. Harman, J. Dodd and George Lyon.

MEET TORONTO MEN ABOUT NEW INDUSTRY

Yesterday afternoon the industrial committee of the Aurora town council and the industrial committee of the Aurora board of trade held a joint meeting with certain Toronto interests said to be interested in taking over a portion of the Fleury-Bissell plant.

No official announcement was issued following the meeting but those in attendance termed the situation as "hopeful." It is understood further deliberations will be held next week and that a definite decision will be made soon.

On Saturday afternoon the two committees held a joint session, at which plans were laid to deal with the local industrial situation and endeavor to secure new industries for Aurora.

"The council and board of trade are acting in perfect harmony and together I believe we can get some place," Councillor Dr. G. A. C. Gunton, chairman of the industrial committee of council, told The Era.

"Some splendid ideas were discussed at the meeting, which if properly handled should bring the results we all so ardently desire. Aurora must have new industries."

Members of the industrial committee of council include Councillor Dr. Gunton, the reeve and deputy-reeve. The board of trade committee is composed of A. N. Fisher, also a member of the town council, Dr. Jas. L. Urquhart and Lorne C. Lee. Mayor Frank Underhill as head of council and H. L. Aldrich as president of the board of trade sit in with the committees.

"It is too early to say what will happen, but we are doing our best and working together," said Councillor A. N. Fisher.

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BLOOMINGTON

Stouffville Man Is Ill, Approaches 101st Year

Pte. Harold Booke of Toronto spent the weekend with his father at E. A. Storry's.

Miss Alta Fockler is spending some time at her sister's home at Greenbank.

Friends are sorry that Mr. Wm. Hill is quite ill at his home in Stouffville. He is nearing the 101st year mark and has been a lifelong resident of this community.

Miss Luella Paisley of Beamsville was home on Sunday.

The Red Cross branch here held a pot-luck dinner and quilting at the home of Miss Ruth Storry on Tuesday.

Mr. E. A. Storry and Miss Ruth Storry and Misses J. Mahon and G. Tranmer attended the funeral of the late W. H. Hood at Unionville on Friday.

TELL THE WORLD ABOUT THAT BABY OF YOURS

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THESE ARE THE FACTS

of the Dominion-Provincial Conference on the Sirois Report

***IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT** at this critical phase of our national life that the people of the Province of Ontario should be given the facts and allowed to base their considerations and judgment on them.*

***There is very little doubt** that in many instances opinions have been based on speculation, propaganda and rumor.*

***The statements** given herewith are taken from the Official Reports of the Conference as published by the Dominion Government.*

***HON. MITCHELL F. HEPBURN, PRIME MINISTER AND PROVINCIAL TREASURER OF ONTARIO,* (Vol. 1, Pages 14 to 20):**

"Mr. Prime Minister and gentlemen, during this time of stress and strain and ruthless warfare I have never publicly criticized the Sirois report or its recommendations. I did make a statement about the timing of the publication of the report because I believed then, and still believe, and am joined in this belief by many persons, that I did a public service in calling attention to the act of throwing into the arena of discussion a highly contentious document at a time when people who love the Empire and all it stands for are concerned with one thing, and one thing alone—the successful prosecution of a victorious war in which our national security is at stake. For if our effort fails, Hitler, and not the delegates present at this dominion-provincial conference, will settle our domestic problems.

In this regard the policy of the government of Ontario has not changed in any particular. Those of us who represent the central province have been consistent in our attitude.

Some while ago a former associate of mine in the House of Commons, my good friend the Minister of Finance, journeyed to Toronto, at which time he discussed with Mr. Nixon, Mr. McQuesten, Mr. Walters and myself the advisability of implementing the recommendations of the Sirois report. Along with my colleagues present, I urged—yes, almost begged him to use his influence to prevent this becoming a national issue during war time. I am satisfied he conveyed my message to the Prime Minister. I was, therefore, somewhat perplexed when, a few days later, I received a letter from the Prime Minister of Canada advising that a conference would be called and that the federal government was, in effect, recommending favourable consideration of the commission findings. Again, in order to maintain our consistency, I replied as follows:

'I have your letter of November 2nd, regarding the Sirois commission report.

'I was hopeful that a discussion of this problem could be delayed until after the war so that there could be no possibility of any controversial issue arising which might impair national unity and the effective prosecution of the war.

'However, in view of the fact that a conference is to be called it is the intention of this government to make available its representatives any time that may be required after the middle of January, as suggested by you.'

Later still, on December 28, 1940, the Prime Minister in a letter stated in part:

'In view of requests from several of the provinces, a proposed agenda which we will recommend to the conference has been worked out and is outlined below.'

Not having been asked for, nor having made any recommendations, I therefore am free to suggest that further consideration be given to the following sentence in the letter in question:

'I should like to emphasize the view of the government that the opening session should be confined to general statements and not to debate on points of detail or special circumstances.'

Public Should Be Informed

The following paragraph of the letter informs us that the conference will then resolve itself into working committees, which will sit in camera.

The Ontario delegates desire that we state our case publicly and briefly and at no time be a party to a scheme which withholds from the press and the public vital information to which they are justly entitled.

We were not informed nor consulted with regard to the terms of reference contained in the order in council passed by the dominion cabinet which gave life to the commission itself.

When Ontario's presentation was made we asked for nothing. When the findings were agreed upon by the commissioners, Ontario had no representative, Mr. Rowell having long before retired because of ill health. But later on we were presented with a costly five hundred thousand dollar report—the product of the minds of three professors and a Winnipeg newspaper man, none of whom had any governmental administrative experience, and whose opinions all of us cannot share.

In view of the fact that, in the report itself, it is stated that Mr. Rowell had nothing to do with it, his name, which has been tagged on for purposes of propaganda, can very well be omitted in future.

Those of us who believe in democracy abhor the very word propaganda because the circulation of ready-made opinions by any centrally-controlled power is the most dangerous enemy of civilization. From this perspective we see the evil working of such a vicious system in Europe, leaving in its wake misery and suffering which shakes one's faith in humanity itself.

Can Provinces and Dominion Both Win?

Let us guard carefully for fear a similar frankenstein does not appear in our midst. In the first flush of public reaction the propaganda machine made it appear that to implement this document would make the provinces richer and, at the same time, make the dominion richer by the simple process of transferring debts and revenues to the central government.

Inasmuch as there are only two parties to the deal, surely one need only to have an elementary knowledge of economics to appreciate the fact that both cannot win. Unless there are transferred with the debts sufficient existing provincial revenues, the dominion will have to increase taxes or debt or probably both. This does, however, offer an opportunity to explore every possibility of reducing all governmental costs in Canada and, to this end, Ontario is prepared to cooperate to the limit at the right time. That is a domestic problem to which we can devote time and effort as a post-war problem, and much better be it so too, because the financial problems of to-day may have very little relationship with those of a year hence.

I am convinced that the commissioners were genuinely sincere, and others also, when months ago they stated that by assuming the cost of employables on relief the dominion would render a financial favour to the provinces and the municipalities. But anyone who says so to-day, if conversant with the true facts, is guilty of unadulterated 'humbug'.

Unemployables Major Problem

Hon. Mr. Howe said some while ago that, since the report was written, more than half the employables have secured jobs and that the other half would be absorbed in industry during this year. I believe Mr. Howe. In fact, if we are going full out in this war effort, it is a reflection on the government not to put to work immediately the physically fit adult males of all Canada. But the end of employable relief problems does not by any means solve the issue. There is still left the army of unemployables, who to-day make up the vast burden of relief and, generally speaking, will continue to do so.

Under present arrangements, the dominion contributes forty per cent. towards the cost of food, clothing and shelter. If this report is adopted in its entirety, the dominion will contribute nothing and its former share will have to be borne by the provinces and municipalities after revenues, out of which these costs were formerly met, have been surrendered to the dominion. I am sure the actual working out of the system is quite different from that anticipated. When the report was written, on page 85, Book II, it is said that the taxes left to the provinces are more stable. In Ontario, we shall have left the profits from the Liquor Control Board operations, vehicle licences and gasoline tax. Where is the stability?

Wartime prohibition, as a dominion measure, has already been requested and, if my memory serves me correctly, the Minister of War Services stated, and quite properly so, that the federal government has the power to enact such a measure.

Already a Fuel Controller has been appointed and he has the power to regulate the distribution of gasoline. As a war measure, he could deprive us entirely of revenues from the licensed vehicles and gasoline. We should then have to go to the dominion authorities with a tin cup in our hands saying—'either contribute to the extent of our loss of revenue or pay for the social services of Ontario'—and, believe me, they are many and varied in this age of growing paternalism.

When the Prime Minister addressed to me on November 2nd, 1940, a letter with reference to this proposed conference, he said in part:

'While the cost of unemployment relief has been reduced, the war has cast additional burdens on governments and taxpayers alike. It has inevitably increased the competition between governments to secure revenues, and has aggravated the overlapping, cumbersome and discriminatory character of much of our tax structure.'

Ontario Co-operates on Income Tax

I take this opportunity of referring to the actions of the government of the province of Ontario with respect to the Income Tax Act of Ontario. Perhaps I should explain that the Income Tax Act of Ontario differs from the acts of most of the other provinces in this respect—that we allow as a deduction from the income of the Ontario taxpayer the amount of tax paid to the dominion government under the Income War Tax Act before we impose our own tax.

Is that interfering or competing with the dominion, especially as it has been admitted by former ministers of finance of Canada that for the dominion to levy an income tax at all is to invade provincial fields of taxation?

To make such an allowance as I have set out is not competing with the dominion; it is taking a secondary position to the dominion. Furthermore, let me state that the province of Ontario was the first province in Canada to arrange with the dominion to save the cost of collection of the income tax and the economic waste of time of taxpayers; Ontario arranged with the dominion government that the Ontario tax should be collected by the same dominion officers and at the same time as the dominion tax is collected.

That is not competition. That is cooperation, admitted by all, and due credit being given by all taxpayers affected.

Further, the dominion government on September 13th, 1939, added a surtax of 20 per cent. applicable to income of 1939 and subsequent periods. This meant a lesser amount of income left in the hands of the taxpayers to be subject to the Ontario tax. The province of Ontario agreed to absorb this loss in revenue.

Ontario Suffers Revenue Loss

On August 7th, 1940, the 20 per cent. surtax and all the old rates under the Dominion Income Tax Act were repealed and in their places newer and higher rates were enacted, and at the same time, exemptions were cut. These changes were applicable to the incomes of 1939. Besides these changes in rates, the new National Defence Tax was enacted applicable to incomes earned from July 1st, 1940. The effect of these added imposts was to seriously reduce the revenues of the province of Ontario, and it is estimated that for the fiscal year which begins on April 1, 1941, the province of Ontario will suffer a loss of revenue of upwards of two million dollars.

We have turned over the Elgin Hospital—a seven million dollar institution—and many other provincial properties, without payment or reward and will continue to do so.

We have curtailed our capital expenditures and have delayed necessary works—works that would have been profitable and would have yielded additional revenue.

Then, too, in an effort to encourage the incoming of American tourists who will bring with them much needed American dollars, so necessary to enable the dominion to save exchange and prosecute this war, the province of Ontario has undertaken to expend on publicity and advertising for tourists this year the sum of three hundred thousand dollars. That, according to officials of the dominion government, is cooperation, not competition.

And in respect to the Corporations Tax, it will be within the memory of the representatives of the various provinces here that the authorities of the dominion government have appointed a board to be presided over by the Hon. Charles P. McTague, Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, which board has been formed to determine the amount of obsolescence and depreciation that may be allowed taxpayers as a write-off against profits which will be subject to war taxation. The government of the province of Ontario has announced that it will accept without question the findings of this dominion-created board.

Ontario Not Competing

Time does not permit a lengthy recital of other acts of cooperation on the part of the government of the province of Ontario, but I challenge anyone to successfully charge the government of Ontario or, for that matter, any other province, with competition for revenue in fields that do not exclusively belong to the provinces, or with any lack of cooperation whatsoever.

On the other side of the picture, even although the organization of Resources Committee, patterned after the one that functioned so effectively in the last war, was set up by our Ontario Legislature—and by unanimous vote—the nucleus, with power to add, consisting of His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Matthews, Colonel Drew and myself—and even although well over a year ago we journeyed to Ottawa and personally pledged, on behalf of the organization, the fullest measure of cooperation in every possible war effort, the secretary of the organization now advises me that not a single request or communication has been received from the federal government.

Any just criticism that may be levelled against the government of Ontario for its considered judgment on this issue my colleagues and I accept without complaint. But if the propagandists believe for a moment that, because of our attitude, we will remain silent while insinuations are broadcast deliberately for the purpose of branding us as unpatriotic, unneighbourly with our sister provinces, or guilty of doing anything to block Canada in achieving our maximum war effort, then I say to them, 'We shall defend ourselves from that kind of attack here, on the floor of the legislature, and on the public platform.'

Here I avail myself of the opportunity of warning the purely financial press and others that they have overplayed their hands by attempting to cloak this report with the garments of patriotism and under the exigencies of war would do irreparable damage to both national unity and confidence.

I desire to quote one authority as a case in point. The Toronto *Star*, a supporter of the present federal government in its editorial of November 20th, 1940, says:

'The *Star* believes that the general idea of the report is a good one, the idea that the dominion should be the chief tax collector and, as an offset, assume certain provincial responsibilities.'

That was the then friendly policy of that paper. What did the *Star* say in its editorial of Saturday, January 11, 1941? I quote:

The report has, naturally enough, strong backing. Great financial concerns and wealthy individuals who are holders of provincial bonds support a project which would place the credit of the dominion behind provincial securities whose market value has greatly deteriorated. A Toronto broker has estimated that adoption of the report might add as much as $20,000,000, $40,000,000 and $60,000,000 to the value of the bonds of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively. This gift to the bondholders would be more costly to Ontario than any other province. Ontario's own bonds would not be increased in value to any marked degree, as its credit closely approaches that of the dominion. A feature of the arrangement not generally realized is that in the case of Alberta the dominion would assume not only the provincial debt, but the defaulted interest on the same. This had reached $3,400,000 by 1937 and stands now at a much higher figure. Ontario's federal taxpayers provide nearly half the dominion revenue out of which this gift to the bondholders would be provided.'

That shows the changing opinion of that great publication. Why? Because that and other newspapers, sensing public opinion, are reflecting the growing suspicion of the awakening public mind. As a political observer I say that there is a fast developing body of opinion, not without cause, now promoting the idea that behind this untimely move, ostensibly as a war measure, is a well-cooked, nefarious deal to make good the losses in depreciation of certain bonds held largely by financial houses, to collect unpaid interest on Alberta bonds and to cause a sharp appreciation in bonds of certain provinces, which bonds were, because of circumstances beyond the control of the respective provincial treasurers, actually sold at much less than par, although the coupon rate was abnormally high. This possible huge capital appreciation is not even subject to federal income tax.

I solemnly warn those who are obviously pressing for such action that they may aggravate that suspicion and destroy completely public confidence in governments.

Canada Must Be United

Now I come to a subject of even greater importance—national unity. We have it to-day. All Canada is behind the prosecution of the war. We are a united people. We need be. We have a common foe in the dictators. I happen to know something about religious and racial issues. I can speak feelingly on this subject.

We tried, as a government, to remedy a simple obvious injustice and inequality with regard to school tax revenues. We failed, and the very ones we tried to help were as anxious as anyone else to have us retrace our steps. Is not a similar situation, on a larger scale developing today?

Already there are rumblings that Quebec is getting preferred treatment. I know that, to some extent, there are extenuating circumstances. But the fact remains that Quebec is being relieved of some of her municipal debts, while other provinces are not. Quebec is to receive an eight million dollar yearly irreducible subsidy, while others including Ontario, are not to receive a cent. Again there are extenuating circumstances. But explanations do not always explain such cases with certain sections of society.

The Toronto *Telegram* is a powerful newspaper and reflects the opinions of many citizens of Ontario who have a great respect for its considered opinions. The Toronto *Telegram* has dealt with this aspect of the report with great effect. I shall not quote from its editorials—that is not necessary. All I can say is not to underestimate the power of the press in this regard. This new issue being developed presents a challenge to those of us who believe in national unity. To blind ourselves to the obvious is not fair to Canada, not fair to our neighbouring province of Quebec, especially when by this deal, according to the best constitutional advice I can get, Quebec and the rest of us will have to agree to a surrender to a central authority of rights and privileges granted by the British North America Act. I say that so long as my colleagues and I have any say in directing public policy for Ontario and so long as there is a British North America Act in its present form, which cannot be amended at will by a mushroom government that may in future take office in Ottawa, we shall, as a sister province, stand solidly beside Quebec if at any time her minority rights are threatened. On this sound foundation of national unity we stand as firm and resolute as the Rock of Gibraltar itself. To lay hands on the life work of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir John A. Macdonald is nothing short of national vandalism.

Do We Fiddle While London Burns?

In the post-war period we may have to open our gates to thousands, yes millions, of European homeless and destitute. If this eventuates, the British North America Act may serve a useful purpose until the process of assimilation is completed.

Is this the time to send a courier to bomb-torn London with a document in his hand and have him step into the Hall of Westminster and ask the British parliament to pause in its consideration of questions determining the very life of the British Empire in order to debate the question of a new constitution for Canada?

To me it is unthinkable that we should be fiddling while London is burning. In the heart of the Empire the citizenry—men, women, boys and girls—with their bare hands are beating out the flames spread by ruthless vandals upon the housetops and the roofs of their homes. Britons, on the shores of the sea and in the streets of their cities, will resist the invader foot by foot with their very lives, as their great leader said they would. Instantly concerned with their struggle to survive and to save us throughout this Empire and with nothing else, they are waging a winning fight to-day, the remembrance of which will never die while freedom lives. They have no other concern.

To-day, while these brave people are shielding their homes with their bodies and braving the bursting bombs and the hail of machine gun bullets, do we read that the Lord Mayor of London has paused in his efforts to save the nation and has called a meeting of the aldermen to consider a readjustment or a revision of the borough system of the great metropolis which is now a beleaguered fortress?

I listen to Mr. Churchill, to Mr. Roosevelt, the two great democratic leaders who stand out as beacon lights in this bewildered world to-day. I believe in their sincerity. Only an all-out effort will save civilization and christianity. Our central government now, under the War Measures Act, has extreme, even dictatorial, power. If there is anything specific that the dominion government wants to help in its war effort, say so, and I am sure every province will assist by passing immediately the necessary enabling legislation. This can be accomplished without controversy and without upsetting our reasonably well-organized system of government.

Ontario Shall Continue to Help

In our war effort we of Ontario believe we have been helpful and shall continue to be so, even to the extent of not joining in the clamour to unload over two billion dollars of debts of other public bodies on the dominion treasury in war time. The process of transfer itself would be involved and upsetting to our whole financial system. A transfer of all tax collection activities of the classes indicated in the report to the central authority could only be made after complicated and far reaching legislation could be enacted. The time and effort of the federal parliament would be devoted in this direction when every ounce of effort is required in the successful prosecution of the war. And while you thus obligated yourselves to fight this war with the last drop of printer's ink and to the last page of *Hansard*, confusion, utter confusion, would prevail in all governments as existing tax machinery bogged down.

We, in Ontario, I emphasize, have anxiously cooperated with the dominion government in its war effort and shall continue to do so. But this is a peacetime document, and we believe honestly and sincerely that the time to discuss it is not now, but only when the menace to our democracy, Christianity and freedom is removed by the complete defeat and even annihilation of the ruthless Axis powers."

***HON. A. S. MacMILLAN, PRIME MINISTER OF NOVA SCOTIA,* (Vol. 1, page 22):**

"If we were asked to give a categorical answer favouring or opposing the report as a whole, that answer, representing Nova Scotia as we do, would have to be 'No'."

***HON. J. B. McNAIR, K.C., PRIME MINISTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK,* (Vol. 1, page 23):**

"At the outset, I must say that we do not concur in the findings of the commission as set out in chapters V and VI of section F of Volume II, where certain special claims advanced by the government of New Brunswick are discussed."

***HON. JOHN BRACKEN, PRIME MINISTER OF MANITOBA,* (Vol. 1, page 30):**

"Manitoba does not think it unreasonable, if it wanted to borrow money on the credit of the dominion, that it should be expected first to obtain the approval of such National Finance Commission. We feel satisfied that we shall have no difficulty in obtaining the approval of such a body in all cases where our application merits such approval. If a case comes up in which such approval is withheld, that will not prevent us if we think the object is a worthy one from borrowing upon our own credit. It has been suggested that such borrowing upon provincial credit alone will be impossible if the commission's recommendations are made effective. We do not agree. Any province which can borrow now could still borrow if the commission's recommendations were in force. The success of such borrowing in either case depends upon the credit of the province which is attempting to borrow. For example, with their resources we do not think that either Ontario or Quebec will have any difficulty in borrowing if this report is implemented; some other provinces might have; but is there not a question as to whether these latter could borrow satisfactorily even if the report is not implemented? If they could not, then they are certainly no worse off after implementation because then they can borrow in proper cases upon the credit of Canada.

The fact is, and the report makes it clear, that in the matter of future borrowing, the provinces are to be left in exactly the same position in which they now are. Indeed, they can continue to borrow upon their own credit. In addition, they are given a new and valuable right, exercisable wholly at their own option, of borrowing upon the credit of Canada."

***HON. T. D. PATULLO, PRIME MINISTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,* (Vol. 1, pages 44 and 45):**

"Money, of course, is at the root of this whole question. While monetary measures should be based upon the productive capacity of our people, the productive capacity of our people can be amplified by wise monetary measures and other considerations.

We are now told that it is necessary immediately to implement the recommendations of the commission successfully in order to prosecute the war. The government of British Columbia disagrees with this view. I am sorry that the winning of the war has been used as an argument to fasten permanently upon the provinces and the Dominion of Canada a change in dominion-provincial relations which I firmly believe will work to the injury and not to the benefit of the dominion and the provinces of which it is composed.

If there had been no commission, war measures would still proceed; and right now without any change in our constitution the dominion can take any action deemed necessary to the winning of the war; and the people are solidly behind the government that every resource which we possess shall be brought into action at the earliest possible moment for the purpose of furthering our war effort.

Let us face this question fairly and squarely just as if there were no war, as was the condition at the time of the appointment of the commission; and not place those who believe that the proposals are of a harmful character under the indictment that they are hindering the war effort of this dominion.

Would Retard War Effort

The commission further states:

'The immediate effect of Plan I on dominion finances would be adverse, since in some degree provincial finances would have improved at the expense of those of the dominion.'

Inasmuch as the finances of the dominion, according to the commission, are not immediately to be improved but the reverse, it does not seem logical to suggest that this implementation of this recommendation of the commission is essential to our war effort. Rather does it suggest that during the period of the war the implementation of the plan will be a burden on the dominion's war effort, not alone through the assumption of additional financial obligations but through the time and effort which must necessarily be expended in the setting up of the new organization as proposed by the commission. It would therefore seem the part of wisdom to get on with the war and postpone so far-reaching and contentious a problem until after the war."

***HON. WILLIAM ABERHART, PRIME MINISTER OF ALBERTA,* (Vol. 1, page 63):**

"Our people will ask, 'Why are they so anxious to raise an issue like this when we all have our hands full with the job of the war?' And the whisper has gone around, 'It is the money powers.'

I am going to speak frankly. I believe that the perilous situation which is facing our nation and the empire demands sincerity of speech and boldness of action. I maintain that it would be most unfortunate if the idea gains popular credence that there is a concerted and deliberate attempt being made by the money powers to increase centralized control of our national life while our attention is fully occupied with the prosecution of our war effort, and that thereby there is developing an endeavour to obtain an unfair advantage over the people by means of imposing upon them a crushing debt structure under which they will be further enslaved. I am sure that every man in this gathering must be aware that considerable suspicion has been aroused in the minds of many because of the intensity of the propaganda campaign and the great expenditure of money and the frantic and unwarranted haste that has been urged in connection with the adoption of the Rowell-Sirois recommendations.

Make no mistake about it. Not only the efforts to gain the adoption of these recommendations, but the barrage of obviously inspired propaganda to win support for the "union now" proposals have been causing growing uneasiness in the minds of many. Whether it is common knowledge or not, we in Alberta are fully informed on the action which was taken in Australia regarding this sinister propaganda. In that British country they seem to have much more direct methods than we have to deal with such matters. We note that instead of allowing the use of radio facilities for its dissemination, as was done here, they treated this "union now" propaganda as being subversive to the British empire and raised such a storm of protest that public addresses on the subject had to be abandoned.

Surely it must be evident to any loyal British subject that to sit calmly and indifferently by while we are being hoodwinked and inveigled into a financial dictatorship or a fascist state, at a time when we are giving the best of our manhood to the empire and are sacrificing our all to overcome that foul thing which has raised its head in the world in many guises—a totalitarian order of centralized control and regimentation—is not only ridiculous but dangerously criminal. I have no apology to make for speaking thus."

***HON. J. L. ILSLEY, DOMINION MINISTER OF FINANCE,* (Vol. 2, page 80):**

"I appreciate the cooperation that we have so far received from the provinces and I want to mention in particular the cooperation from the province of Ontario."

***HON. T. B. McQUESTEN, K.C., ONTARIO MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS,* (Vol. 2, pages 83 to 87):**

"Mr. Prime Minister and gentlemen, before this conference dissolves, the province of Ontario would like to place before it its financial position with regard to the effects of the Sirois report on the province's finances.

Perhaps I might properly preface what I have to say to-day by referring to two points touched upon by the Premier of Manitoba (Mr. Bracken) in the presentation of his argument before the opening session of the conference yesterday. Hon. Mr. Bracken made what I might call an earnest plea to the delegates of this conference, and particularly to the Premier of Ontario, to consider the attitude taken by the late Hon. George Brown at the various conferences leading up to confederation. In bringing Mr. Brown's name into the conference he has suggested that Mr. Brown very properly forgot his own personal feelings in the matter and joined hands with Macdonald and others in shaping confederation as expressed by the British North America Act.

I consider it rather an unfortunate choice of argument to ask that the Premier of Ontario emulate Brown. I hold that in taking the attitude he has, Hon. Mr. Hepburn has been but living up to the traditions of Brown, and has defended and upheld all that Brown stood for, and is safeguarding the rights and responsibilities vested in the separate provinces by confederation. I prefer to support and adopt the material structure which was created by Brown, rather than attempt to interpret its spirit, as Mr. Bracken has purported to do. If Mr. Bracken's argument were to prevail, history would be degraded, our ideals shattered, and the names of our public men cast into the ossuary of time.

Mr. Bracken was on better ground when he advanced the idea that provincial autonomy, without adequate revenues for discharging the functions of government for which provinces are responsible, is but little more than a farce. To put the same idea in another way, without fiscal independence there can be no provincial autonomy.

I am prepared to-day to review the financial history of the province of Ontario, particularly relating to the years since the present government has been in charge at Toronto.

Ontario Balances Budget

Briefly, let me state that we have followed since the 1st of April, 1936, a sound financial policy, as shown by our budgetary position. In 1936-37, 1937-38, and 1938-39, we had balanced budgets. This year we are promised by our premier who is also the provincial treasurer, a balanced budget, a surplus and a reduction in debt.

This wholesome and enviable budgetary position has placed us in a position to carry out a policy of assistance to the 900 municipalities which form the local government administrations of Ontario. For example, the province has assumed the entire capital cost of construction of our great highway system, the financial burden of which formerly rested in part upon the municipalities. The province also contributes in various ways toward highway construction expenditures by municipalities.

In matters of public health, Ontario has made great strides and has, since this government took charge, at an annual cost of millions of dollars, assumed the entire burden of the care of indigent tubercular patients. Public health in Ontario costs the province of Ontario a sum exceeding $900,000 per month.

Then, in exchange for the income tax, which was formerly collected by a few of the 900 municipalities, we have substituted a provincial income tax, and have assumed the entire cost of the share formerly borne by the municipalities of old age pensions and mothers' allowances.

The annual cost to the government of Ontario for old age pensions, as represented by the present fiscal year, amounts to three and a half million dollars. This includes the province's share of pensions for the blind.

The annual cost to the province of mothers' allowances this year will exceed the sum of five and a quarter million dollars. All of these items—that is, old age pensions, pensions for the blind and mothers' allowances—are annually increasing in amount. I quite agree with the estimate made by prominent actuaries that they will continue to increase for the next fifty years. It is difficult at this time to estimate the final limit of the cost of these three social services, which, as you are aware, were never dreamed of by the Fathers of Confederation.

We also pay to the municipalities an annual subsidy of one mill, based on the general assessment of the municipalities, and this amounts in round figures to the sum of three million dollars per annum.

Another function of government that is growing annually is education, and it is estimated that for the present fiscal year the province will spend upwards of thirteen million dollars.

Compares Relief Costs

One of the services that has cost enormous sums during the past decade is that of the cost of relief. Under the present basis of contribution the dominion pays 40 per cent. of direct relief costs, excluding medical services. Including medical services the dominion contribution is 38 per cent. of the total expenditure. For the present fiscal year, that is, the period ending March 31 next, relief will cost Ontario the sum of ten million dollars. Of this the dominion's share will be $3,800,000, the provincial share $4,300,000, and the municipalities' share $1,900,000.

Estimating the cost of relief for the fiscal year which begins April 1, 1941, calculated on the present basis of sharing the cost of relief, and estimated from the best available information, the relief picture in Ontario will be represented as follows:

Dominion share	$2,555,000
Provincial share	2,892,000
Municipal share	1,278,000

If the Sirois basis be adopted, for the fiscal year 1941-42, the cost is estimated as:

Dominion share	$ 566,00
Provincial share	927,000
Municipal share	1,232,000

Thus it will be observed that by adopting the Sirois basis the dominion would enjoy a saving of $1,989,000, while the province of Ontario would be called upon to increase its expenditures by the sum of $2,035,000, and the burden of the municipalities would be practically the same as under the present plan, the difference being less than $50,000. The officers of the treasury and welfare departments are here, and are supplied with all details with respect to relief figures, and in fact other relief figures, and we are prepared to discuss these matters in detail if and when required.

At this juncture I desire to make a statement with respect to the estimated saving or gain to the province of Ontario, as contained on page 96, Book II, of the recommendations of the Sirois commission.

The estimated savings or gain to the province of Ontario, on the 1937 base, is $5,326,000 per annum. But a careful analysis of the figures indicates that instead of a gain of $5,326,000, the actual net loss to the province for the 1937 period would be $6,432,000. Thus it will be seen that the information given on page 96 of the Sirois report as to the expected improvement in the financial position of the province on the 1937 base is inaccurate and not in accordance with the findings of the treasury department of the province of Ontario. This inaccuracy amounts to the large figure of $11,758,000. The reconciliation of these amounts is available and can be explained by the technical officers of the treasury department.

With respect to the present fiscal year, the situation is infinitely worse. If the Sirois plan were adopted and made effective for the present fiscal year, which ends on March 31 next, the province of Ontario would be faced with a certain net loss in revenues of the sum of $17,000,000. This for the present fiscal year alone.

The province will be required to give up annual revenues of	$40,000,000
Deduct from this, expenditure assumed by the dominion, and the one mill subsidy to the municipalities, which could not longer be paid, a total sum of	23,000,000
Leaves a loss of	$17,000,000

One of the first results of this loss in revenue, brought about by the giving up of the succession duty taxes, would be the loss in revenue to the University of Toronto of the sum of $500,000, which under you to the Revised Statutes of Ontario (1937) chapter 372, section 129, which is the statutory authority for payment from the proceeds of succession duties to the University of Toronto in the sum of $500,000 per annum.

Set Education Back 50 Years

But that is just one indication of what the loss in revenues would mean to education in our province. Education in Ontario would be set back fifty years. This would apply particularly to the "little red school house" and to the struggling separate schools, which under present conditions require the same as public schools—annual grants from the provincial treasury.

The splendid work done by the department of health of Ontario in waging a successful fight to stamp out the menace of tuberculosis, which fight is being conducted at an annual cost to the province of upwards of $3,000,000, could not be carried on, unless revenues from some other source were forthcoming.

This would involve some new type of taxation, but inasmuch as taxes on estates, taxes on incomes, taxes on corporations, and taxes on mining profits, would no longer be available to the province of Ontario, any additional burden of taxation required to raise revenue to continue a reasonable standard of education would inevitably fall upon real estate—upon the farmer, the home-owner and the business man.

I also bring to your attention the fact that municipalities of the province of Ontario will suffer for the present fiscal year by the implementation of the Sirois report, the loss in revenue exceeding $5,000,000.

Now, if you will add the net loss in revenue to be sustained by the province of Ontario of $17,000,000 to the $5,000,000 certain loss to be sustained this year by the municipalities of Ontario, you have the enormous sum of $22,000,000—net loss to the province and the municipalities.

This, Mr. Chairman, is only the beginning. These losses are bound to increase, because the functions of government left with the province are, from their very nature, increasing in their burdensome character, in so far as the need for revenue is concerned.

Real Estate Burden Intolerable

No one conversant with the problems of public finance that beset the provinces and the municipalities in Canada to-day will attempt to deny that the burden on real estate at present has reached a point where it is difficult for the farmer to meet his rates and taxes; it is discouraging for anyone to attempt to build a home; and, in fact, daily in Ontario discouraged home-owners are attempting to salvage something from their equities, and are parting with their homes, which represent in large measure their only life savings.

The real estate owner to-day, who can barely raise the amount of his taxes, will find that for every dollar of taxes he pays to-day in Ontario he will be called upon next year to pay $1.20. And this under war conditions, where the cost of living is already mounting, and is, generally speaking, ten per cent. higher than it was at the outbreak of the war.

As the Prime Minister has said, "You leave us with the expensive functions of government."

And I hold that the figures I have submitted prove that we will have insufficient funds to discharge these functions of government, that health and education in particular will suffer, and the standard of living of our citizens who are in the class of what might be described as the lower economic scale will be akin to a condition of servile dependency.

Now, Mr. Prime Minister, I have finished with my presentation of the financial effect of the report as it appears to this province, and I am authorized on behalf of the premier of the province of Ontario, the Ontario delegation, and the people of the province, to announce that our association with this so-called conference is over. Some other members may take this opportunity to present their reply to the financial address of the Hon. Mr. Ilsley, and to withdraw as we are doing. We leave it to the rest of the members to continue their efforts to do what we are bound to say would result in wrecking confederation, as we understand it, and in destroying provincial autonomy and rights. We are returning to our business, and our final word to the dominion is that word with which we opened: If the dominion decides to prosecute the war on a basis of cooperation we shall be ready, as we have always been in the past, to cooperate in every known way and to throw the full weight of our great province into the dominion's war endeavour."

***RT. HON. ERNEST LAPOINTE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF CANADA,* (Vol. 2, page 100):**

"I read the Ontario newspapers, and this morning I read a statement in a Toronto newspaper to the effect that this commission report was a Quebec report, prepared by and for Quebec, for the benefit of that province. That article urged the people of Ontario to oppose it. My friends who are here know that at the same time in the province of Quebec this report is considered by some as leading to the destruction of provincial autonomy and the sacred rights of the citizens of that province. It has been stated that the French-Canadian race will be enslaved if this report is adopted and accepted."

***RT. HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,* (Vol. 2, page 112):**

"May I say this next. When my colleagues and I considered the calling of this conference there was between us a great diversity of view as to the wisdom of having such a gathering at this time. In saying that I do not think I am betraying any cabinet secret which I am sworn to respect. I for one took the view that it was very doubtful whether it would be wise to have a conference in war time."

***HON. ADELARD GODBOUT, PRIME MINISTER OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,* (Vol. 2, page 117).**

(The Prime Minister's remarks were given in French, the following is the English translation):

"Should the continuation of this conference constitute a menace to Canadian unity, I would suggest, Mr. Prime Minister, that it be dissolved."

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So thanks again for remembering me so kindly.

Sincerely yours,
L.-Cpl. Smith.

Dec. 28, 1940.
England.

Dear Vets and Members of the Women's Institute:

Your Christmas parcel with all the good things sure was a treat. The planning and mailing of the parcels must have made a lot of work. So thanks a million.

As tobacco here is a terrible price and not so good, the cigarettes I received from you were doubly appreciated.

Thanks again for your kindness,
I am sincerely yours,
Pte. J. F. Blencoe.

Pottageville

Mrs. Russell Fuller of Schomberg called on a few friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Rawdon and son of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Archibald.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Emmerson and boys of Nobleton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Emmerson.

Miss Hattie Cutting of Toronto spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. John Cutting.

Mrs. George West is on the sick list. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Dan. Emmerson spent Thursday with her son, Mr. Oliver Emmerson, at Nobleton.

Mr. Leonard Erickson of Toronto spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. L. Erickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Paton of Laskay spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. Paton.

Mr. Howard Paton, Mr. Boyd Paton, Mr. Dean Quentin and some friends of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elias Paton.

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PEPPER AND SALT

By "PEP"

Indications that the Junior play-offs that interest Newmarket fans will be a struggle to the death are getting stronger every time the teams appear on the ice. Sutton beats Newmarket, Newmarket beats Markham, who are beaten or beat Aurora, who beats Sutton. So everyone in the league these days is giving or getting a beating (and if I don't stop this repetition, I'll be getting one of the dashed things myself).

Aurora is currently at the top of the heap, but it may not last for long. They took the lead last Friday night when Newmarket was defeated in Markham and Sutton bowed to Aurora. With only eight men to man the deck, Newmarket took another ducking Monday night in the southern town, suh. Aurora apparently can still ice a good enough remnant of their strong teams of the past few years to stand a very bright chance of filching this season's honors. To date, they have won four games in a row.

If Newmarket wasn't so consistently beset by injury trouble this year it might be enjoying the lead itself. Eight men for a game stretches a team to the limit and a manager to a frenzy. Any team who wins a game with only eight men to call on performs a small miracle.

Dickson, Gibbons and Carr played perhaps their best game of the season last Thursday night. Carr caught three runaways by using a cool and brainy head, and the other two scored the goals. The fights were also good. It's getting so Newmarket fans expect to see both a hockey game and a couple of boxing matches for their Thursday night two-bits. When it comes to a point where we get a box of groceries and an occasional bank night and motor car thrown in we can believe that we are taking in a movie at the same time, for who bothers with a movie on bank night.

One good thing about the fights is the fact that variety provides the spice of the evening. If the same two players engaged in fisticuffs twice, the management might take it that they were exchanging telephone numbers, the cads, and get the coach after them.

The Newmarket high school intermediates defeated St. Andrew's College five goals to one, Monday afternoon. Last week, the seniors scalped the same squad four goals to two or thereabouts. St. Andrew's is the favorite lurking place for high school teams since they have a swim in the indoor tank after a game. Besides being a novelty, a winter swim after a hard game is one of the fine pleasures of life.

An invitation to all Newmarket to a dance in the drill-hall at the military camp this Saturday night is a warm gesture. With three orchestras and an expected crowd of 2,000 in attendance, the rafters should ring. The January trainees have pleased the townsfolk to as great a degree as did the previous trainees and no one has been disappointed in them.

The Glenville cliffs are quickly getting a better and better reputation as a mecca for skiers and the cars that unload their human cargo every weekend in this territory are mounting into the hundreds. I venture to say that before long the ski trains will be stopping longer than it takes to digest the beauties of Newmarket as seen from the window of a 'Cobalt flyer,' and long enough to disgorge a few hundred hickory woogies.

For a while the skiers stuck to marked trails, the wilderness was left needing a shave. But it didn't take long before the venturesome spirits foraged up hills and down dales until now you get laughed at when you suggest that you have discovered a new trail. If you suggest a second time that you have done it they just smile and pat you on the back. A third time and they ask you where you got the stuff and to send some up to the house.

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Field Comforts Work Thrives, Name Officers

At a recent meeting of the Field Comforts club the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. E. Hayward; vice-president, Mrs. E. Early; secretary, Pearl Ward; treasurer, Mrs. L. Ellis.

Committees: work convenor, Mrs. W. Hutchinson, assistants, Mrs. H. Pollard, Mrs. V. Carpentier; entertainment, convenor, Mrs. F. Doyle, assistants, Mrs. R. T. Rose, Miss I. Osborne; purchasing, convenor, Mrs. V. H. Sheppard, assistants, Mrs. F. Ellis, Mrs. F. McLaughlin; sending, convenor, Mrs. K. Raymond, assistants, Mrs. G. Holden, Mrs. J. Johnston.

Reports were given for the past year by the convenors of the committees, which showed that the club, while newly organized, had proven a great success.

Ben Thompson and Bob Dunn, who recently joined the R.C.A.F., spent the weekend at their homes here.

Miss Anne McDonald, who has been ill with the flu, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. Frost.

Basil Carpentier and Leslie Arbon, members of the Queen's Own Rifles, returned to camp in New Brunswick last week after spending a couple of weeks leave at their homes here.

Mrs. J. Culverwell spent the weekend in Toronto.

Mrs. A. W. Pugsley spent last weekend in Toronto with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Storey.

Pte. Pearson Holden spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

Mrs. L. W. O'Donnell, who has been visiting in Toronto, returned to her home here last week.

Miss Grace Schmidt spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schmidt.

Pte. James McKelvey has been spending a couple of weeks furlough at his home here.



PRESENT 94TH CANADA LIFE REPORT

A. N. Mitchell (left), president, and S. C. McEvenue, general manager, have just presented the 94th annual report of the Canada Life Assurance Company. In reviewing the progress of the past year it was stated that "never since the company was established have its policyholders been more adequately protected." C. E. Cunningham is the Newmarket representative of the company.

Sutton Man Laid To Rest Under Western Stars

Funeral services for Roland Emes, whose death took place at Medicine Hat, Alberta, on Jan. 19, were held on Jan. 21 at St. Barnabas church, in that city.

Interment was made in Hillside cemetery.

Mr. Emes is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. B. Cuyler, Medicine Hat, Mrs. W. Koreck, Hanna, Alta., and Mrs. P. Patterson, Vancouver, B.C., and one son, Leslie, of Beaver Lodge, Alta.

The late Roland Emes was in his 72nd year. He was born at Sutton West, Ont., in which town he was married in 1895 to Florence Hayes. For the next few years he followed building contracting in northern Ontario, and later was for several years with the Canada Atlantic Railway as building foreman, making his home at Depot Harbor, Ont.

He had been a resident of Medicine Hat since 1913, Mrs. Emes and the family moving there in 1914. He took an active interest in the work of St. Barnabas church. During the last Great War he was employed in munitions manufacture, and since then has been in the building and contracting business.

Among those attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Koreck of Hanna, Leslie Emes, Beaver Lodge, and C. F. Hayes, Creston, B.C., a brother of Mrs. Emes.

ELMHURST BEACH

MRS. L. B. POLLOCK IS BEREFT OF FATHER

The Elmhurst Beach Women's Institute will not hold their regular meeting in February, but the Institute is invited to be the guests of the Roche's Point Institute on Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. S. Walinck.

The Red Cross is having a social evening at Belhaven hall on Jan. 31. There will be contests, cards and dancing. It is hoped there will be a good crowd from this community.

Mrs. Coulson Cameron was installed as worthy matron of Simcoe Chapter O.E.S. at Sutton last week.

The Elmhurst Beach Institute sent boxes at Xmas time to a number of the boys who are overseas, and have received word from them all that they had received them in good condition. They wished to thank the Institute for being remembered by them.

Mrs. Bruce McMillan spent the weekend visiting friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. L. B. Pollock was called to her home in Selkirk, Man., owing to the serious illness of her father, who since has passed away. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Pollock in her sad bereavement.

The friends of Mrs. Walter Hirst are pleased to learn she is progressing fine after her operation in Newmarket hospital last week, and all hope for a speedy recovery.

Holland Landing

The sympathy of the village is extended to the family of the late Mrs. R. Marsh, who died on Friday, Jan. 24, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Byron Aylward, in Queensville. Mrs. Marsh was a life-long resident of Holland Landing and will be greatly missed by her numerous friends.

Douglas, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Moore, who has been seriously ill, was removed to York county hospital at Newmarket this week. The baby is improving nicely.

Earle Atkinson, who underwent an operation at York county hospital recently, is convalescing at home.

Miss Dorothy Lane and Mr. W. McKenzie of Toronto were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Sheppard on Saturday.

Mr. Bert Bell of Toronto spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. John Thompson, and Mr. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Chadwick and sons of Toronto spent Sunday at their home here.

Miss Edna Bell of Toronto is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. F. Shields, and Mr. Shields.

Mr. John Sweet of Toronto spent the weekend at his home here.

MAPLE HILL

Will Hear Woman Just Home From Nigeria

On Sunday afternoon the pastor, Rev. Mr. McAsh, delivered an interesting message on the second coming of Christ at Maple Hill Baptist church.

Last Thursday evening the meeting was held as a real missionary meeting, with Mr. McAsh giving a very interesting and rousing message on the work of some of the early missionaries to India, which was much enjoyed.

This Thursday evening Miss Zimmerman, just home from Nigeria, Africa, will be at Maple Hill church showing lantern slides of the work of the Sudan Interior Mission. A good attendance is hoped for.

Friends were sorry to hear of the serious illness of Miss Marian King last week. She had an operation for appendicitis at York county hospital.

HOPE

MRS. W. H. WILMOT HEADS HOBBY CLUB

On Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. standard time, the Vandorf Young People will present their play, "And Mary Did," in Sharon hall, sponsored by the Hope W.A. A good attendance is hoped for to welcome these young folks.

The church service next Sunday will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday-school is at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome at both services.

Mrs. Geo. Barker entertained the Hope Hobby club on Tuesday of last week, when they appointed the following officers for the coming year: president, Mrs. W. Wilmot; vice-pres., Mrs. L. Farr; secretary-treasurer, Miss L. Tansley; pianist, Mrs. R. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Auley Brenair and Mrs. Herdman were dinner guests of Miss Maud Fairbarn on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Gibson and Mr. Edgar Pegg had tea on Thursday at the home of Miss Amy Gibson.

Mrs. O. Stickwood entertained at a quilting on Thursday.

Mr. Henry Stickwood is in York county hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Zephyr

Mr. and Mrs. H. Peers of Udora spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. Pickering.

The congregational meeting of the United church was held last Thursday evening in the Sunday-school room.

The Y.P.S. attended a skating party in Queensville on Friday evening. All report a very enjoyable time.

Miss Grace Lockie of Toronto spent a few days at her home here.

Mr. J. R. Myers is visiting his daughter near Georgetown.

Proceeds of the dance to be held in the Zephyr hall on Feb. 5 will be given to the Scott war workers for material to be made up into clothing, quilts, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tiffin and family spent Saturday with Mrs. Tiffin's sister, Mrs. I. B. Law.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunn and Patsy of Newmarket spent Sunday with Mrs. Dunn's sister, Mrs. Clarence Pickering.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL MEET WILL BE HELD JAN. 31

The annual meeting of the York county hospital association will be held in the council chambers in the town of Newmarket on Friday evening, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. sharp, to receive reports for the year 1940. New directors and officers for 1941 will be elected, and any other business of interest to the hospital will be discussed. Those interested in the hospital are invited to attend.

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MOUNT ALBERT

YOUNG SEAMSTRESSES HOLD DRESS PARADE

The sewing class, which the girls of the Junior Institute took last fall, held their final meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Wagg on Thursday evening, when the mothers came along and had the pleasure of seeing 13 of the girls parade in their new print house-dresses, which each one had made and they certainly were a credit to their makers.

They had a nice program of music and contests on sewing. A button-hole contest was won by Mrs. Denzil Oldham, and a nice lunch of sandwiches and cookies brought to a close an enjoyable evening.

The regular dance in the hall will be on Friday, Feb. 7, with Audrey Smith's orchestra. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

The weather has been good for ice on the rink this last week or so and the young people are having a grand time. Lloyd Mortson is the caretaker.

Mount Albert park board held their first meeting of the year on Monday evening in the board room at the telephone office, with six members present. Arrangements were made to hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 1, to complete plans for sports day, which is always held on the first Saturday in June. New ideas for a program will be welcomed from any who might like to suggest these. The following executive was elected: chairman, Mrs. W. R. Steeper; vice-chairman, Geo. Walker; sec.-treas., W. S. Robertson.

Those in charge of Red Cross knitting request that when knitting for the Red Cross just be sure to follow directions and avoid knots in the yarn. When not sure of things go to someone who will help you correctly. It saves a great deal of extra work to have them done properly.

Aircraftman Jack Pearson, who is in training at Picton, was at his home over the weekend.

Pte. Horace Brown of the C.A.S.F. at Long Branch spent the weekend at home with his family.

The Sunday-school "At Home" will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 7, to which all children and parents are invited.

Morley Case left on Wednesday for Toronto to go in the R.C.A.F.

Mrs. Robertson's group of the W. A. of the United church held a sale of home-made baking on Saturday at Steeper's store, and made $14 for their fund.

The Red Cross is having a quilting in the town hall on Friday, Jan. 31, when they will have about 16 quilts, which they would like to go in the next packing. All are asked to please come and bring lunch and stay all day.

Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Andrews and Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wrightman and Marilyn of Newmarket, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Steeper.

Miss Della Graham spent the weekend at the home of her uncle, Mr. J. Oldham.

KESWICK

ABSTINENCE PLEDGE ASKED FOR DURATION

At the United Church on Feb. 2 the minister, Rev. Gordon Lapp, will preach. The sermon subject in the morning will be: "A challenge to patriotism." At this service members and adherents will be invited to join with the many thousands of people across Canada who are voluntarily pledging themselves in total abstinence from alcoholic beverages for the duration of the war.

At the evening service the minister is preaching on the sermon subject, "Living Echoes," based on the hymn by Frances R. Havergal, "Lord Speak to Me," in a series of sermons on some of the great hymns.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, the Women's Association monthly supper and program will be held.

The W. A. meet for business at 3 p.m. Supper is served from 5.30 p.m., the program and social evening following.

For those who may not know, the United church calendar is as follows: Sunday, 10 a.m., the church school; 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., regular church services; Monday, 8 p.m., Y.P.U.; Thursday, 7.30 p.m., mid-week prayer and Bible study, except the first Thursday of each month; 8.15 p.m., choir rehearsal; Friday, 8 p.m., both C.G.I.T. groups in S.S. room, and the Boy Scouts at the same hour in the public school basement.

The annual congregational meeting of Bethel United church was held Monday evening. This being a student-pastor charge, Rev. Gordon Lapp, who is superintendent of this charge, presided. Reports from all departments showed that an aggressive work is being carried on still at this old and historic charge. Miss Miriam Collins is the student in charge.

Ptes. Carson Pollock and Wm. Weaver, home for the weekend, attended service at the United church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville King are confined to their home owing to illness.

Mr. I. C. Marritt of Toronto visited at the home of his father, Mr. Wm. Marritt, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morton spent the weekend at Islington, where they visited their daughter, Velma and "Dunc."

Rev. Roy Sedore left on Monday for home, after spending a week visiting friends in the community. Mr. Sedore is stationed at Harrowsmith in the vicinity of Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stephens, who have taken the Switzer apartment, are welcomed to the village.

The regular meeting of the United church W.A. will be held in the Sunday-school room on Thursday, Feb. 6. An attractive menu and fine program are being prepared.

The convenors of the supper are Mrs. Cecil Grant, Mrs. Oldham and Mrs. Kenneth McKinnon. Everyone is welcome.

All are asked to remember the North Gwillimbury Red Cross euchre and dance in Belhaven hall on Friday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. standard time.

ROCHE'S POINT

Eastern Star Installs New Worthy Matron

Simcoe chapter, O.E.S. No. 110, held their installation ceremonies in their chapter room at Sutton West.

Mrs. Jessie MacDonald, past district deputy grand matron, was installing officer. Miller MacDonald, past patron, was installing patron.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Olive Cameron, W.M.; Harry Thompson, W.P.; Mrs. Muriel Brydges, A.M.; Fred Summerville, A.P.; Mrs. Jessie MacDonald, secretary; Mrs. Georgie Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Rowena Stork, cond.; Mrs. Annie Walinck, marshal; Mrs. Francis Summerville, Adah; Mrs. Louise Cole, Ruth; Mrs. Hattie Cook, Esther; Mrs. Gertrude Blanchard, Martha; Mrs. Clarissa Lockerbie, warder; Mrs. Francis Kay, organist; W. Kay, sentinel. Mrs. Pugsley, chaplain, and Mrs. Bains, Electa, were not able to be present, both being ill. Mrs. Freda Pollock, ass't. cond., whose father was very ill, is in Selkirk, Man. They will be installed at the next meeting.

The chapter then presented the newly installed matron with a lovely flower bowl. The Roche's Point members presented a glass relish plate. Coulson Cameron presented a lovely bouquet of roses and from her small daughters a lovely white purse, and various personal gifts were presented from other members of the chapter.

The worthy matron then presented her installing officers and all who helped with cups and saucers or relish dishes of a very pretty design. The Star points then presented the retiring matron with a vase, and her jewel was presented by her husband, Pte. E. J. Bunn, of Newmarket camp.

Lunch was then served and a very pleasant evening came to a close, with all good wishes being expressed for a happy year for the chapter.

Mrs. Walinck and Miss M. C. Young attended the Burns night at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, last week, visited various Red Cross rooms and collected a large fund of general information to be used for Red Cross work.

Miss June Bunn is in bed with measles and friends hope she will soon be well again.

On Monday morning the school bus was delayed, the children not getting to Newmarket till nearly noon.

Sharon

Mrs. Davis of Gore Bay is spending a few days with Mrs. Kershaw and the Fry family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Copeland and children of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Langford, also of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Shaw.

Mrs. Clarence Long of Orillia visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brown, this week.

The Red Cross ladies worked at the hall on Tuesday. They will also work next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Copeland are spending some time with Miss Leonora Shaw.

Mr. Robert McKinley of McMaster University, Hamilton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farr and called on other friends.

Service at the United church on Sunday will be at the usual time, 7 p.m., with Sunday-school at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome at both services.

QUEENSVILLE

Snow-Plow Is Missing, Scholars Are Late

The United church service was well attended last Sunday, when Rev. Hugh Shannon delivered an excellent sermon on "John the Baptist." The choir rendered a splendid anthem, "O Worship the Lord," with Terry Doane home to lead in the bass section.

A number of the ladies from here attended the W.M.S. convention in Toronto on Tuesday of this week.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rachel Marsh was held on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Aylward. Interment was made in Holland Landing cemetery. The community extends the bereaved deepest sympathy.

A great deal of sickness still prevails in Queensville.

Although he will be confined indoors for some time yet, Mr. W. T. Huntley was able to return home from the hospital on Monday.

Mr. Jas. Cunningham is expected home this week also.

A goodly number attended the Y.P.U. skating party last Friday night.

The Y.P.U. meeting on Sunday evening was in the charge of the culture department. L. W. Bowman delivered a splendid address on northern Ontario. Next Sunday evening the meeting will be in the charge of the fellowship convenor.

Early Monday the main highway was nearly impassable, caused by a strong east wind and drifting snow. The North Gwillimbury school bus was nearly two hours late, much to the delight of the school children. When the roads are clear, and often sanded, the snow-plow makes unnecessary trips, often clearing away the much-needed sand. Then on days such as Monday the snow-plow is nowhere to be seen until noon at the earliest, after so many have worked to get through. Many feel that the poor system should be investigated.

Jan. 23.—The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was at the home of Mr. Brown, this week, with Mrs. Penfield and Mrs. Bruce acting as hostesses. Mrs. Hugh Shannon presided. The study book by Mrs. Andrew McKenzie on "Japan" was very interesting. A very fine paper was given by Mrs. John T. Cowieson. Short readings were given by Mrs. William Henry, Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. Everett Smith, Mrs. Fred Glover and Mrs. Angus Smith. A duet was sung by Mrs. Hugh Shannon and Mrs. Sydney Thompson. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Plans were made to attend the convention in Toronto on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at St. Clair United church.

ROCHE'S POINT

Brownies Mark Fourth Birthday, Get Awards

The Roche's Point Girl Guide Company joined the Brownies in celebrating their fourth birthday on Wednesday of last week. In spite of the stormy weather the divisional commissioner, Mrs. W. A. McCaffrey, and Mrs. Vansant, captain of the First Newmarket Company, arrived safely and were welcomed by the captain, Mrs. A. J. Forte.

The program opened with the ceremony of the dipping of the color, as a tribute to the memory of the late Lord Baden-Powell. The commissioner then talked to the Guides and Brownies, telling them of Lord Baden-Powell's wonderful life and work, and concluded with an appeal to them to keep on with their Guiding, to make themselves as proficient as possible in signalling and first aid. Then followed the flying up ceremony, when two Brownies, Bertha Brown and Willa Link, received their Brownie's wings, and fourth year service star, and flew to the gates of Guideland where they were welcomed by the captain and the company. Mrs. McCaffrey then presented a writer's badge to Brownie Marion Morton, and an award to Eleanor Crandell as the best all-round Guide; and to Willow Robinson and June Burns for regular attendance. Eight Guides received their second year service star.

Presents were then distributed, and a gift of cash, gathered from the pennies of the Brownies and Guides, amounting to $26.50, was sent to the British war victims' fund.

Delicious refreshments, provided and served by the mothers and friends of the girls, were handed around by patrol leaders and Brownie sixes. After refreshments the girls then all gathered round the campfire and sang Guide songs, finishing up with the singing of "There'll Always be an England." Retiring Brown Owl, Miss E. M. Ward, gave a talk to the girls on friendship, which involved, she said, doing a good turn, doing and saying good things, and also trying to see the good points in each other.

A very happy and successful party closed with the singing of "Taps" by the pack and the company. The commissioner then took the salute and the girls said goodbye. The girls thanked all those who helped to make their party a success, and especially Mrs. McCaffrey, who always turns up and gives the company so much encouragement and inspiration to carry on Guiding. The musical part of the program was in the charge of Mrs. Victor Brydges of Barrie.

A social evening of interest to the community will be held in the parish hall on Friday evening, Jan. 31, commencing sharp at 8 o'clock, D.S.T. The program for the night includes a showing of films. Among the pictures to be shown are "Travelogue through Africa," "Safari on Wheels," education in technicolor, "Friction Fighters," deep sea fishing and flying fish films. A sing-song will round out the program. A silver collection will be taken in aid of the W.A. Everybody is welcome.

Vandorf

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carr celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey and Miss Joyce Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harvey and Master Bruce, of Gormley, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carr and Miss Mabel Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Carr received some lovely gifts of silver to mark the occasion.

The farm radio forum meets at the home of Ralph Willis on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, to discuss "Should the farmer grow more?" Everyone interested is invited to be present.

Mrs. W. D. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Richardson called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morley on Sunday. Mr. Morley has recently returned from the Toronto General hospital and his friends are pleased to know that his condition is improving.

Wesley players will present their play at Sharon this Friday night.

Ed. Ransom has been on the sick list with an injured knee. The accident happened when he was moving a large oil drum.

Miss Ruth Willis of Toronto spent the weekend at her home.

Miss McKnight, Miss Jean Willis and Miss Joyce Harrison, of Toronto, and Mr. Stevens, of Napanee, had Sunday tea with the Willis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. N. McGregor attended the Milk Producers' Association banquet at Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ellis and family of Waterloo visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sproxton on Sunday.

Miss Helen Grace of Toronto and L.-Cpl. Robert Gittens of the Royal Regiment, Camp Borden, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Richardson.

Kettleby

Mrs. T. M. Blackburn spent several days last week visiting relatives in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lepard and Lorna called on Mr. and Mrs. Art Storey of Snowball.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Heacock entertained about 40 neighbors at a euchre party last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Curtis and Jean had tea on Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. Black.

Mrs. S. J. Heacock is attending the W.M.S. convention in Toronto and is spending a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Pine Orchard

Mr. and Mrs. Keffer and son, Meryl, and daughter, Ruth, Miss Viva Shropshire and Mr. Howard Lehman had Sunday night supper with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Allan and Miss Aleta Widdifield.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall on Sunday at Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Galley of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lundy on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reid visited at Markham on Sunday.

Mrs. John Reid visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simpson at Ballantrae on Sunday.

Everyone enjoyed the play presented by Vandorf Young People last Friday.

BOGARTTOWN

Community Club Asks For Some Boosters

After being postponed three times already this month, the Bogarttown community club is scheduled to meet on Jan. 31 or "bust," and it is also scheduled to "bust" if the community in general does not take more interest in it.

A social evening is being planned, so the ladies are asked to bring along a few of their favorite sandwiches or a cake like the one that caught them a husband.

LEATHER MAN'S NAME

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his store, Mr. Wolfe said that at the time this was placed he "did have double as much stock as insurance."

Mr. Wolfe said that Mr. McIntyre had urged him to put more than $5,000 insurance on his Newmarket stock, which was the amount Wolfe had decided he would place.

"Had McIntyre been after you for insurance, persistently?" asked Mr. Brownell. "Yes."

"Did he persuade you to put this insurance on your Newmarket stock?" "Yes."

Mr. Wolfe said that "the inspectors told me the same thing. I should have more than $5,000 insurance." He added that after Mr. Wicket of Wicket and Craig, Toronto, "assured me that I needed more," he accepted additional insurance. "That's what persuaded me that I should have more insurance than $5,000. That's why I agreed to a $10,500 policy." Mr. Wolfe said that insurance of $2,000 had been on the Newmarket building when he purchased it and that after it had run out, his solicitor, N. L. Mathews, K.C., urged him to take out a policy of $4,000 on the building. Mr. Wolfe said that he "didn't want to be balky" and so agreed to this.

"I heard that the Beeton hotel was for sale and I went up in the spring of 1939 to look at it." He said that he wanted to purchase a building in which to store his overflowing stock of leather goods. He could have bought suitable buildings in Newmarket but "they wanted too much money for them."

"When I saw the building, I said, 'that's enough, I don't want the building.' I went home. But I needed a place to store my goods. The store and cellar were full. I couldn't find a suitable place here except at high prices. It would run into too much money.

"So I went up to Beeton again. I looked it over, very carefully. I was afraid of it. I was afraid of it because every ceiling leaked. There was still water in the basement that leaked down the walls. I was afraid to use the building.

"I told a Bradford contractor to go to Beeton to look the place over and find out how much it would cost to fix it up. He said that to plaster the walls alone it would cost $6,800. The roof would cost $1,200 to repair.

"I told a good friend of mine in Newmarket about it. He advised me against buying it, that there was talk in Newmarket about my wife being a spy. She was over to Germany before the war. They used this journey to charge that she was there because she was a spy.

"My friend said that, because of the war, it would come to trouble if I should buy the place in Beeton. I said I didn't know why. I didn't want it as a hotel at all. I'm not a hotel-man, I am a leather man. I was confused. I didn't know what to do. I asked Mr. Mathews about it. I told him I had been advised that since I was a German, I would have trouble. He told me to pay no attention to this.

"I told him to offer them $1,000 for the property. If they would take it, all right, if not, I wouldn't get it. They accepted. At the same time I had an offer to rent the store to a Chinaman. He wanted to go in as fast as he could because of the military camp. He wanted a lease for five years.

"I told him I wanted to see my lawyer, Mr. Mathews. We went up. He paid a $100 deposit. Mr. Mathews later phoned me that the Chinaman couldn't take it. I was disappointed. I had everything moved from my store by that time. My insurance was cancelled. I didn't lease the property in Newmarket."

Mr. Wolfe said that he had mentioned to Mr. McIntyre that he had made some improvements on the Beeton hotel, but not to the extent of over $11,000 as claimed by Mr. McIntyre. He denied using his own estimates of the work he intended to do at Beeton as a means of getting greater insurance. He said that he had told Mr. McIntyre that with the expense of heating and wiring the hotel, which had not been done at that time, he would spend more than $10,000 on the property. He denied any knowledge of the letter which Mr. McIntyre wrote to his company, and which was produced earlier in the investigation. "I did not use documents to persuade him to place insurance," concluded Mr. Wolfe.

After the meeting had adjourned, Mr. Wolfe criticized the newspapers for the way they were "puffing up" the inquiry. That was the fault he found with papers in this country, Mr. Wolfe declared.

Before Mr. Wolfe gave his evidence, Eric Silk, of the attorney-general's department, said that Mr. Wolfe was testifying at his own wish and that no persuasion of any kind had been used. It was not necessary for him to testify if he did not wish to do so.

N. P. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Beeton hydro-electric system, was the first witness called. He identified electric bills for the months of September, October and November, for service to Mr. Wolfe at the Beeton hotel. He did not read the meter Dec. 1, because "the door was locked."

Mr. McDonald said that he "saw a light in the building one evening." He could not say whether this was before the investigation at the hotel on Nov. 25, but thought it was after that. He did not endeavor to get into the hotel.

"Did you know that the police discovered what amounted to an arson plant in the cellar?" asked Mr. Silk. "Yes, I did."

"Did you ever see a watchman about the premises during November and December?" continued Mr. Silk.

"I can't say that I did," was the reply. However, Mr. McDonald said that he did see painters and decorators at the hotel during that time.

Inspector D. H. Saville, an inspector in the fire marshal's department for 20 years, said that he "investigated the hotel" Nov. 25 last.

"I went to the cellar," said the inspector. "There I found two candles on ice-cream boxes and set amongst the straw. Loose straw was strung down the cellar steps." He said that match-heads were set in candle wax at the bottom of the candle, and the boxes, some containing gasoline, were strung from the candles into the straw.

The inspector said he took the exhibits to Professor Joslyn Rogers for analysis. He saw Mr. Wolfe with his helper, Hertzberg, in Beeton, Nov. 25. "He was at the hotel when I met him," said Inspector Saville. "My instructions were not to let him in."

Mr. Saville said that he took the two men to a room in the other Beeton hotel and questioned and took a statement from them.

"I questioned him in the presence of Mr. Nelson (of the fire underwriters) and it was taken down by typewriter. Mr. Wolfe read it and signed the statement."

"Did you encounter any difficulty in getting Wolfe there?" he was asked.

"None whatever," replied Inspector Saville. "Mr. Wolfe did not raise any objections at any point in taking the statement. He said it was correct. I then had Hertzberg up and took a statement from him."

He said that he found 25 sets of harness in the hallway and a five-gallon can of gasoline. At that time the can had some gasoline in it but it had disappeared. "I don't know where it is now, but it has gone although it was under my care since Nov. 25," said the inspector. "I guess there must have been a leak."

The inspector said that he saw no "structural alterations" in the building, and no evidences of heating.

"If there was a furnace in the basement it was covered up with straw," claimed the inspector. He said that he "didn't go into the plumbing situation," but he did observe that there was a water supply in the kitchen. Inspector Saville said that the 25 sets of harness would include bridles, collars, traces and other parts going into the making of double-set harness. There were also "odds and ends" of old harness.

Inspector Saville said that he saw Mr. Wolfe later in Newmarket. "He showed me stock sheets which he said he had taken with a Mr. Smith; $31,341 worth of stock was shown on these. At first Mr. Wolfe said that he spent over $10,000 on the Beeton hotel. Then he said he didn't think he spent half that much. It finally simmered down that he might have spent $2,000 on it. He had no record of the cost of labor or invoices to show the amount of material bought."

Under cross-examination by R. W. Brownell, defence counsel, Inspector Saville said that Mr. Wolfe had told him that the "cardboard containers were used to sell axle grease to farmers."

"Did he act as though he were trying to conceal guilt?"

"No, I can't say that he did. He made no objections in any shape or form to answering my questions." Inspector Saville said that he did not inspect all the rooms in the hotel. He admitted that some of these rooms might have been repaired. "It appeared that $10,000 was what Mr. Wolfe intended to spend on the hotel," concluded the inspector.

Mrs. Anthony Wolfe said that W. O. McIntyre "came in quite often" trying to sell insurance policies. "At least three times a week," she said. After she came back from hospital, Mrs. Wolfe said that "Mr. McIntyre still came in about insurance."

On Saturday, Nov. 23, Mr. McIntyre phoned and "said that the insurance inspectors wanted to go to Beeton on Monday with Mr. Wolfe," declared Mrs. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe was across the street at the time, but Mrs. Wolfe said that she had given him the message that noon.

"Was business going well last summer?" asked Mr. Brownell. "Yes."

"Your business was growing, and you were quite happy at home?" "Yes."

Mrs. Wolfe said that her husband had been going to Beeton regularly and had been taking goods there in his car. She could not tell what days he went to Beeton, but said that she distinctly remembered that "he was in the store all day Saturday," the 23rd of November. "I know that because I remember the phone call." Mrs. Wolfe said that she thought her husband took Hertzberg to Beeton every time he went.

Edward J. Smith, Tecumseh St., Newmarket, friend of Mr. Wolfe, stated that he had helped him prepare his inventory of goods in his Newmarket store Oct. 5 last. Mr. Smith, 81 years of age, said that he has been a leather-goods salesman since 1876 and lately has been selling wholesale for Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Smith said that he went to Beeton once with Mr. Wolfe. He said that he saw over 100 horse-collars there. There were also boxes with leather goods, and a large shoe stock. He also saw five or six new suitcases, and said that Mr. Wolfe "had a lot of good machinery there."

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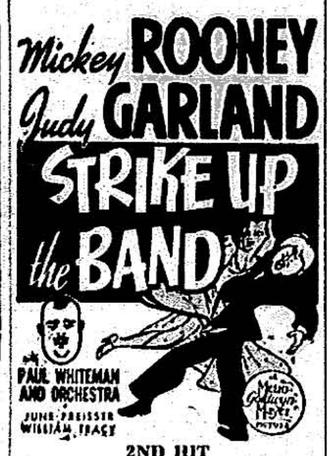
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